

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd December, 1906, at 3 p.m., Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN, CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD. HENRY WAGHORNE

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 9th November last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Death of Miss Beale—On the motion of the Mayor, It was unanimously Resolved, That this Council desires to record its deep sense of the loss to the Borough and to the cause of Education sustained by the death of Miss Dorothea Beale (Honorary Freeman of the Borough) who for forty-eight years was Principal of the Ladies' College and to whose zealous work and administrative genius is largely due the leading position now held by that Institution.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th November last, be approved and confirmed, and that Regulations under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1885, be made and published accordingly.

4—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th and 21st November last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 26th November last, be approved and confirmed.

As an amendment to a motion that the Council resolve itself into Committee, it was Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be instructed to consider the cases of any Corporation employees who are no longer capable of doing any work and report thereon.

6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th November last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th November last, be approved and confirmed, and that Mr. Austin Clare Saxby be appointed Gas Examiner accordingly.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 22nd November last, be approved and confirmed.

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9—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th November last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st November last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th and 28th November last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd November last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th November last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

14—Employment of Local Labour by Contractors--Pursuant to notice duly given Councillor Stroud moved :—

"That it be an instruction to the Town Clerk to include in all future contracts involving labour skilled or unskilled a clause requiring the Contractor to employ residents within the Borough to the extent of at least three-fourths of the total labour he shall employ under such contract."

The same having been seconded by Councillor Packer, the following amendment was proposed by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Stewart:

" That the proposal be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration."

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The amendment on being put to the meeting was declared lost. The motion was then put and the names of the members voting for or against were recorded as follows:—

For—Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman, Margrett, Marshall, Packer, Stewart, Stroud and Waghorne (9).

Against—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Waghorne, Winterbotham, Councillors Bennett, Davis, Green, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (13).

The Mayor thereupon declared the motion lost.

15 Election of Aldermen—The notice of motion given by Councillor Green was ruled out of order by the Mayor.

16—Appointment of Foreigners—The motion on this subject, notice of which had been given by Councillor Packer, was not moved by him.

17—Notices of Motion—The following notices of motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council were given:—

By Councillor Green:

That in the opinion of this Council the fact of a gentleman accepting the position of Alderman shall be taken as an intimation that he will be prepared to occupy the position of Mayor if called upon to do so.

By Councillor Stewart:

That on and after the 1st April, 1907, the Montpellier Gardens be opened daily free to the public, except at such times as they are engaged for entertainments and that No. 1 of the Minutes of the Town Improvement Committee of the 9th March, 1894, No. 1 of the 8th May, 1894, Nos. 5 and 6 of the 18th January, 1897, and No. 12 of the 19th February, 1900, be rescinded or varied as far as may be necessary to give effect to this motion.

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th January, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th December, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Davies, King-Harman, Pilley, and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Enteric Fever, 2 of Erysipelas, and 4 of Diphtheria, and that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 cases of Diphtheria and 2 cases of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2--Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 37, Townsend Street. — The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting, and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owner to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

3— Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 8 19 Rutland Street, 1 & 5 Garden View, Granley Road & 25, Russell Street--The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved,

That the Council being of this opinion, Notice b© served on the owners to cleanse and disinfect the houses. or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

4—Nuisances from Drains etc., at No. 32 Victoria. Street, 20 & 21 Queen Street, 13 & 14 Cleveland Street, 42 Townsend Street, 42, 43 and 41, Stanhope Street, 1, 2, 3 & 4, St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road, and 25, Russell Street. — The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, he., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 8 and 9, Rutland Street, 10, Townsend Street, and 4 and 5 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, tee. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Charles Perry, of 2, Brunswick Place, St. Paul's Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Nos. 27 imperial Square, 5, 7, 8 and 9 Wilford Terrace, 16, Rutland Street, & 2 St. George's Parade. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle, of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. :-14 and 33 Clarence Square, 21 Bennington Street and 27 Imperial Square be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st January, 1907.—Present : The Mayor, Councillors King-Harman and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair.)

9—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria ; that 6

eases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

10—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 2, St. Luke's Place, 23, Bath Terrace, 6, Edward Street, 31, Albert Street, St. Paul's, and 7 and 9, Rutland Street. — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

11—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 11 Sandford Street, 25, Hungerford Street, 5, 7 and 9, Russell Street, 5, 6 and 7 Hereford Place and Seven Stars, Henrietta Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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2—Insanitary Property — Nos. 12, Victoria Place, Bath Road, 15 and 17, Fairview Road, 12, Marsh Lane, 37, Townsend Street. and 23, 25, and 27, Bath Terrace. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

13—Overcrowding—No. 51, Rutland Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 1 and 2 Bubb's Cottages, York Street, 12 Victoria Place, Bath Road, 23, St. James' Street, South View House, Naunton Crescent, and Hewlett Inn, Hewlett Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a Moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

15 --Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices requiring the provision of proper ash receptacles and flushing apparatus, and the abatement of nuisances arising from defective drainage, yard pitching, etc., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

16—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. E. R. Higgs, of Darwen House, Bath Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered,

17—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender by the owners and destruction on the 13th inst., of the carcase and offal of a pig (weight 92 lbs.), on the 14th inst. of the carcase and offal of a pig (weight 98 lbs.), and on the 20th inst. of the hind quarters and offal of a calf (weight 112lbs.), as being unfit for human food.

18—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-12 Brunswick Terrace and 23, Hungerford Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that these houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, and unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the said houses are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, proceedings be taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts for orders for the closing of the same.

19—Rodney Terrace Sewer—The Borough Surveyor recommended that the sewer taking the drainage . of houses in Rodney Terrace and of other properties should be reconstructed. He proposed to substitute a 9-inch pipe sewer with proper manholes and flushing chambers at an estimated cost of £500, in place of the existing brick sewer. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £500, to provide the cost of carrying out the proposed works.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st December, 1906—Present : The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report--Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting one bull had been purchased for £9 10s. 0d., and the sales had been as follows:-18 head of cattle for £301 5s. 6d., 10 store pigs for £15 0s. 7d., 22 sheep for £59 19s. 1d. (Total sales £376 14s. 2d). The number of livestock on the farms on the 21st inst. was 12 horses, 136 head of cattle, 83 sheep and 12 pigs, all doing well. 9 tons 4 cwts. 1 qr. of hay and 4 tons 19 cwt. of straw had been delivered to the Central Depot. 10 cwts. 1 qr. of rough hay had been delivered to the Waterworks. 198 loads of mangolds had been carted at Hayden Farm, and ploughing had been commenced. £2 4s. 8d. had been received for turnips, and £4 12s. 6d. for tack. A new furnace was required at the Haydon Knoll Farm house, also a new collar for a cart horse. He recommended that the in-foal cart mare be insured as in similar cases in the past. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Hay Rack—The Farm Manager submitted tenders he had obtained for the hay rack authorised for the Barn Farm. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. J. Drew to supply and fix the same for £6 3s. 6d. be accepted.

3—Cottages at Farms—Resolved, To continue the tenancies of William Mason and William Harper of cottages at the Farms at rents of 2s per week, and that of William Haggard at 1s 3d per week (this

cottage being smaller than the others), from the 12th inst., that E. Stevens be accepted as weekly tenant from the 15th inst. of the cottage until recently occupied by William Painter, the rent to be 3s per week, the tenant doing any whitewashing, papering and painting inside the cottage required from time to time, and that the cottage at the Barn Farm, hitherto let to Mr. C. Stuckey at per annum, be let to him on a quarterly tenancy at £6 per annum.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th December, 1906—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman and Packer (Councillor 13endall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Mr. W. J. Pugh, of No. 341, High Street, applying for permission to fix two lamps outside his shop. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height-, projection, he,

2—Veterinary Surgeon—Resolved, That the local Veterinary Surgeons be invited by advertisement to state upon what terms they will give necessary veterinary attendance, etc., for the Corporation horses (21 in number).

3—Pillar Letter Boxes in Princes Street and Old Bath Road—Read, letters from the Postmaster of Cheltenham, applying for permission to place a pillar letter box at the Sydenham Road end of Princes Street, and one opposite " Greenhills," Old Bath Road. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to, the exact positions to be approved by the Borough Surveyor.

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4—Report of Stores Sub-Committee--The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 29th ult. (Present; Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Gridley). The Sub-Committee ordered the waterproof coats, etc., required for the sweepers in accordance with the authority given by the Council, and the Borough Surveyor was also instructed to ascertain prices for suitable jackets for the ashmen, and obtain a sample for inspection by the Sub-Committee.

5—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 30th ult. (Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall and King-Harman).

After inspecting the trees mentioned in their recommendation, they Resolved, To recommend, as follows:—

(1) That alternate trees on both sides of Evesham Road as far as the Borough boundary be removed (38 trees to be removed).

(2) That the elm tree at the junction of Evesham Road, and the road leading to Pittville Crescent be removed, and an English oak substituted.

(3) That the trees in Albert Road, Pittville, be topped where necessary.

(4) That 2 trees be removed in Albert Road near Pittville Crescent, the trees being too thick in this part of the road.

(5) That alternate trees in Hale's Road from King's Road to Sydenham Road North be removed, and that two trees close to the fence of Eldersfield, Hale's Road, be also removed (making 8 trees to be removed in this road).

(6) That alternate trees on the South side of Upper High Street from College Road to Hale's Road be removed (20 trees to be removed). Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

6—Telephone Poles in Road back of Lansdown Terrace—Read, an application from the Local Manager of the National Telephone Company for permission to place 4 telephone poles in the road at the back of Lansdown Terrace. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the Company entering into the usual agreement.

7—No. 5 Ambrose Street—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Sims was not willing to pay more than £16 per annum, exclusive of rates, as his present rent of £18 5s., included rates. Resolved, That Mr. Sims be accepted as tenant on a quarterly tenancy from the 25th inst. at per annum, the tenant paying all rates, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 24 of this Committee at its last meeting be varied accordingly.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st December, 1906—Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Herman (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

8—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th November to the 28th December, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Road between Wellington and Clarence Squares (480 super yards), St. James' Square (996 super yards), St. Paul's Street North (2,250 super yards), Naunton Lane (5,181 super yards), Townsend Street (1,926 super yards).

Road Patched—St. George's Place. Footpaths Renewed with Concrete Slabs—St. Paul's Road (181 super yards), Montpellier Street (291 super yards).

Gravel Footpath Renewed—Wellington Road (200 super yards). Gas Trenches Repaired—Keynsham Road, Malvern Road, Moorend Road, Lansdown Crescent and Upper Norwood Street.

Gullies Renewed—4. New Gullies fixed—9. 9in. Surface Water Drain laid—The Park, from Merestones Road to Moorend Park Road (400 lineal yards).

Crossings renewed-3. New Gateway Crossing fixed-1. New Street Crossing fixed —1. Crossings repaired-4. Water Pillar Stand relaid-1. Water Pillar Stand repaired-1. Manholes built-2. Manholes lowered—8.

Trees pruned—Tewkesbury Road and Cemetery Road. Trees topped—Albert Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended 27th December, 1906, 1,253 loads collected, 339 tipped away, and 914 consumed. Weight consumed, 964 tons 18 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 20th December, 1906, 1,352 $\frac{2}{3}$ square yards of slabs made.

9-Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 11th and 28th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

10-Steam Road Roller—The Borough Surveyor reported that the old steam road roller had developed a crack in the cylinder, and he submitted tenders for the repairs necessary. Resolved, That the tender of the Oxfordshire Steam Ploughing Co. at £48 16s. 2d. be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the hire of a roller while the repairs are being executed.

11—Footpath in Malvern Road—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee of the 9th October last, the Borough Surveyor reported that the G.W.R. Co. were willing to contribute towards the cost of the crossing required. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and the improvement carried out, and the resolution above referred to making it a condition that the Company should pay the whole cost of the crossing be varied accordingly.

12—Approach Road to Ash Destructor—The Borough Surveyor reported that a wide macadamised road with a proper foundation would be most suitable for the inclined approach road from the Weighbridge to the Destructor. This would cost about £100, and as the cost of Ashes Collection ' and Disposal had been somewhat less this year, the work of making the road could probably be carried out without exceeding the estimate. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put the work in hand.

13—Street Projections—Read, an application from Mrs. Gardner, of Manchester House Private Hotel, Manchester Street, applying for permission to place a lamp outside her premises. Resolved, That the application be granted subject. to compliance with the usual conditions.

Read, a letter from Mr. C. Stuart Millard, headmaster of the School of Art, applying for permission to place some permanent notice boards throughout the town to advertise the removal of the School of Art to the Grammar School buildings. Resolved, That Mr. Millard be asked to submit a list of the places in which it is proposed to place the boards, with a sketch of the advertisement proposed.

14—Great Western Terrace—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. Frederick Maunder and other owners of property in Great Western Terrace, asking the Council to take over the road as a public highway as soon as the private improvement expenses recently apportioned have been paid or agreements to pay by instalments entered into. Resolved, That, the Memorialists be informed that their request will be complied with.

15—Reddings Road—Read, letters from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council and the Clerk to the Badgeworth Parish Council again calling attention to the condition of the portion of the Reddings Road within the Borough. The Town Clerk read a letter he had written to the Rural District Council pointing out the position of the Town Council in regard to the road: Resolved, That the same be approved.

16—Granley Road Private Improvement Expenses—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the amounts still due from certain abutting owners in Granley Road for private improvement works carried out there.

17—Horse Hire—Read, a letter from Mrs. Willmore, of 62, Waterloo Street, asking that her horse might be regularly employed by the Corporation, instead of only in alternate months. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Stores Sub-Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th December, 1906—Present :
Councillors Baker, Bendall King-Harman, and Pilley (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
466	C. E. F. Mouat	Biggs Motor Garage at Milverton, Bayshill (amended plans).
467	M. Marks	New Arcade from High Street to Winchcomb Street.
472	Cheltenham & District Light Railway ...	Additional Sheds at Car Depot, St. Mark's.
473	C. Hall	Stables, Hall Road.
474	Mrs. Lawrence	New Shop Front, 6 Edward Terrace, Shurdington Road
475	Messrs. Wood	New Engine Room, &c., Arle Farm Dairy.
476	Major Shewell	Petrol Store, " Cotswold," Thirlestaine Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 466, 467, 472. 473 and 476 be approved and that Plans Nos. 474 and 475 be disapproved.

Resolved also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the owners of No. 6 Edward Terrace, pursuant to Byelaw No. 54 relating to new buildings, requiring them to show cause why the additions made by them should not be removed as contravening the Byelaws.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this: Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 28th December, 1906—Present : Councillor Baker, Bendall, and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the new Buildings, viz:—

Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended

No. of Plan	Name	Description
474	Mrs. Lawrence	Shop front at 6 Edward Terrace, Shurdington Road.
475	Messrs. Wood	New Engine Room, Arle Farm Dairy.
477	Andrew Page	Washhouses and W.C.'s, at Dovey's Cottages, nr. Maud's Elm
478	F. W.	Strange 2 Semi-detached Villas, Keynsham Road.
479	F. Jenkins	2 Cottages, Naunton Lane, corner of Fairfield Walk.
480	F. Jenkins	8 Semi-detached Cottages, Fairfield Parade.
481	T. W. Smith	3 Houses in Hale's Road.
482	T. W. Smith	3 Houses in Hale's Road.
483	Messrs.	Wood New Offices, Arle Farm Dairy.

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Resolved, That Plans Nos. 474, 475, 478, 481, 482 and 483 be approved. That Plan Nos. 477 be approved subject to three manholes with proper covers being provided and to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances as regards drainage, and that Plans Nos. 479 and 480 be disapproved. Resolved, also, That the attention of the Public Health Committee be called to the condition of the sewers and manholes on the Fairfield Estate.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st December, 1906—Present Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bennett, and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Sunshine Recorder at Pittville----On the recommendation of the Borough Meteorologist, Resolved, That the Sunshine Recorder be fixed at the top of the dome on the Pittville Pump Room at a cost of about £7.

2--Insurance of Pittville Pump Room and Winter Garden—Resolved, That the buildings, etc., at Pittville and the Winter Garden be insured for the following amounts:—

Pittville Pump Room	£9,000
Long Greenhouse	£ 75
Other Greenhouses	£255
Two Band Stands...	£150
Chalet... ..	£350
Furniture	£ 50

£9,875

Winter Garden Building	£10,000
Fixtures and Fittings	£ 500
Furniture	£ <u>200</u>
	£10,700

And that the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of the Finance Committee of the 30th December, 1952, [?1852] fixing the amounts for which these properties shall be insured, be varied accordingly.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th December 1906, at the Electric Works.
Present :—Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the illuminating power of the gas on the 19th inst. with the following result:-15.12 candles.

Testing Room—The Sub-Committee (Councillors Ley Wood and Marshall) recommended that the gas testing apparatus be fitted up in a room at the Central Depot. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

2—Public Lighting—Read, letters of complaint as to the public lighting of Sydenham Road South, Charlton Lane (near The Gables), Old Bath Road, Alstone Lane, Sandfields, Arle Road and Overton Park. Resolved, That the Committee visit the localities mentioned at a meeting to be held on the 14th prox.

Read, a letter from Mr. Thomas Brewer asking that at least 2 lamps should be placed in Cleeve View Road, Whaddon Lane, instead of one as proposed by the Committee. Resolved, That until the road is completed and building operations finished, the Committee consider one lamp sufficient.

With reference to complaints made by tradesmen in Winchcombe Street as to the lighting of that street as recently altered, Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to revert to the previous method of lighting by centre arcs.

3-Traction Supply—Read, a letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., asking for an interview with the Committee with reference to the charge for energy supplied for traction. Resolved, That Mr. McCormick be informed that the Committee will see him at their next monthly meeting.

4—Outstanding Accounts—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of amounts due for energy supplied. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain payment.

5—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 14th inst. there were 905 consumers, with an equivalent of 60,458 eight candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 852 and 56,322 respectively.

Pressure of Supply—In view of complaints made at the last meeting of the Council as to a deficiency in the quality of the light supplied to consumers, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had had a long series of tests made as to the pressure in all parts of the town, and at different times between 5 and 8 p.m., and in every case the pressure was found to be satisfactory. He had investigated a number of cases in which complaint had been made, and in nearly every case the cause of the deficiency in light complained of was the use of old or faulty lamps.

6—Cost of Production—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the bonus scheme in connection with the consumption of coal appeared to be working satisfactorily. During the week ending the 9th inst., the saving effected in the cost of coal was £2 10s, 2d., and the amount of bonus paid was 5s, the amounts for the following week being £1 8s. 10d. and 2s 6d respectively.

7—Plant at Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer called attention to the fact that the plant at the Works was now in use up to its full capacity, compatible with safety, the present load being the highest ever reached, and it would be necessary to take into consideration in the immediate future the provision of additional boilers and generating plant.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th December, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green, Margrett and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 17th December, 1906.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	164,080 gallons	99,390 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	635,522 "	575,507 ",,
Leckhampton	17,280	not gauged.
Total	866,882	674,897

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	December 17th, 1906.		December 17th, 1905.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	---	22,606,419 galls	---	7,680,437 gallons

Leckhampton	7ft. 4in.	990,567 "	7 ft. 7 in.	1,024,338 "
Dowdeswell	19ft. 8in.	43,426,454 "	22 ft. 6 in.	54,834,744 "
Total Storage		67,023,440 "		63,559,519 "

Pumping had been continued daily at Tewkesbury.

2—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th December, 1906—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon Norman, Rogers, Waghorne, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker and Bendall, (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—Dogs' Act, 1906—The Town Clerk reported that the Executive Committee for the County were making regulations under the provisions of the Dogs' Order, 1906. Resolved, That the following regulations be made for the Borough, namely :—

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(1) Dogs while on a highway, or in a place of public resort in the district of the local authority of the Borough of Cheltenham shall wear a collar with the name and address of the owner legibly inscribed on the collar or on a plate or badge attached thereto.

(2) This Regulation shall not apply to any pack of hounds nor any dog while being used for sporting purposes, or for the capture or destruction of vermin, or for the driving or tending of cattle or sheep.

(3) This Regulation shall come into operation on the 1st day of March, 1907.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk do give public notice of these regulations.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out to a fire at No. 2 Victoria Street, St. Paul's, where an elderly woman was burnt to death. Damage to property £5. Expenses of extinction £3 1s. The house, but not the furniture, was insured.

4—Appointment of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Aldermen Norman and Rogers, and Councillors Baker and M. Davis be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Attendance of Fire Brigade outside Borough—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of the Water Committee of the 24th May last as amended by the Council as to the attendance of the Fire Brigade outside the Borough, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the neighbouring authorities that the Brigade would not attend fires within their districts after next month unless they

contributed to the upkeep of the Brigade, and he submitted the replies received from which it appeared that 6 authorities had made definite offers and these amounted to £6 6s. per annum only. Resolved, That in view of the offers made and the responsibility which the Corporation would be undertaking by definitely agreeing to render assistance in the extinction of fires in the neighbouring districts, the resolution above referred to be rescinded and the Brigade attend fires outside the Borough on the same terms and conditions as at present.

6— Hackney Carriage Licence—Read letters from Mr. Arthur Stevens, of 51, St. Paul's Street North, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 107 to Mr. H. Hill, of 9, Wilford Terrace, Whaddon Lane. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Licence to Deal in Game--Read, an application from Mr. G. C. Morris, of No. 18 Winchcomb Street for a licence to deal in game. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

8—Cheltenham Gas Bill, 1906—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an account of his Parliamentary Agents' Charges in respect of the opposition to the Cheltenham Gas Bill, 1906, amounting to £97 4s. 4d.

Resolved, That the same be taxed by the Taxing Master of the House of Commons.

9--College Baths Road—Read, a letter from the Bursar of Cheltenham College calling attention to the fact that the road between Keynsham Road and Old Bath Road in which the College Baths are situate has no name and suggesting that the Council should name it " College Baths Road." Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and adopted and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put up name plates accordingly.

10—Cheltenham Market—Read, a letter from Mr. J. G. Villar, applying for permission to fix a Billposting board, 6ft. 2in. by 4ft. 2in., to the railings of the market in view of the fortnightly sales he held there. He was willing to pay an acknowledgement of 5s per annum, if such permission was granted. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the terms mentioned.

11--Corporation Employee—J. Hopton—With reference to Minute No. 23 of the Street and Highway Committee at its Meeting on the 26th ultimo referred to this Committee by the Council for consideration and report. Resolved, That in the absence of any properly authorised scheme for the superannuation of employees of the Council who are past work, the Committee regret that the Council have no power to make any payment in the nature of a pension to the employee referred to who is now medically certified as unfit for any work.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 6th December, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman,

Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Committee met at the Montpellier Baths, and considered the recommendations of the Medical Committee, which strongly urged that an Aix Douche and a Vapour Bath and a Massage Table should be provided at once so that they may be advertised in the pamphlet now in preparation for medical circulation. Also that it was essential to provide a suitable cooling room for the use of patients after partaking of a medical bath. The following members of the Medical Committee were present:—Drs. Cardew, Carter, Collins, Dent, Johns, Kirkland and E. T. Wilson. Resolved. (1) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan and estimate for-providing the baths suggested.

(2) That the vestibule hall at the Baths should be adapted for the purpose of a cooling room by the erection of a screen at the entrance end and that the necessary alteration be made in the ticket office, the cost of these works not to exceed 12.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th, December, 1906. Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Davies, Merrett, Pilley, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

2—Superintendents of Montpellier Baths—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Simcock tendering the resignation of his wife and himself as Superintendents of the Montpellier Baths on their appointment to a similar position at Handsworth. Resolved, That an advertisement be at once inserted inviting applications for the appointment at the same salary as present, viz.:—£100 per annum, with house, fuel and light, and one third of swimming tuition fees (average annual amount paid to Superintendents for last 3 years £15), and that the statement of the duties attaching to the appointment as now settled be approved.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st December, 1906. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

3—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts ...	£469 10 3	Payments	£359 17 10
Rent of Shop ...	£24 0 0	Proportion of repayment	
Hire of Bath for		of loans and interest ...	<u>£355 7 4</u>
Gymnasium, &c. ...	£31 8 9		£715 5 2
Old Lead	<u>£1 17 4</u>		
	£527 5 4		

Brine Bath---Resolved, That the tender of the Salt Union for the supply of salt required for the brine baths be accepted.

4—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows :—

Receipts...	£327 14 9	Payments ...	£277 15 2
		Repayment of	
		loans and interest	<u>£223 11 2</u>
	£327 14 9		£501 6 4

The Borough Surveyor having reported that a fresh supply of bathing drawers and towels would be required for these baths at the commencement of next season. Resolved, That the articles mentioned be included in the list for which tenders will be invited in February next.

5—Mineral Waters--Tenders obtained for the printing of a pamphlet as to the Mineral Waters prepared by the Medical Committee for circulation amongst the members of the medical profession throughout the United Kingdom were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole for the supply of 10,000 for £19 be accepted.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd January, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Merrett, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

6—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for converting three of the second class slipper baths into an Aix Douche and a Vapour Bath, with dressing room, at an estimated cost, including fittings, of not exceeding £200, £160 being for structural alterations and £40 for fittings. Resolved, That the scheme be approved and the cost be defrayed out of the sum to be provided in next year's estimates.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 28th December, 1906. Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1--Fees on Erection of Headstones, &c.—The following sculptors attended this meeting, and submitted certain modifications desired by the local sculptors and masons in the proposed fees for the erection of Memorials at the Cemetery :—Messrs. Boulton, Bowd, Enrols and Fry. The suggestions having been considered by the Committee, Resolved, That the scale of fees as now modified and settled be approved and adopted, that the

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Common Seal be affixed thereto, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices, and make application for the approval of the scale by the Local Government Board, and that the

Resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee of the 19th October last be varied accordingly. (Note: A print of the scale as modified accompanies these Minutes).

2—Repairs to Chapels, etc.—The Borough Surveyor reported that the necessary repairs to the chimneys at the Chapels had been ordered. There were two crosses and one finial missing from the chapel gables. The cost of renewing these would be £4 10s. The stonework at the top of the chimneys at the Lodge was dangerous, and needed attention, the cost of the work necessary being about £8. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the work mentioned carried out.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz., Headstones to graves of Arthur Robert and Henry Jordan, Margaret Jones, and John Evans. Memorial Crosses and Kerbs to graves of Margaret Wiggin and William Henry and Emma Herbert. Kerbing to grave of William Walter.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 13th December, 1906—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Bennett, King-Harman, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, and Stewart, Revs. A. Beynon Phillips and J. Evans (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipt £6 1s. 6d.. Presentation : The Baron de Ferrieres, 3 vols. The number of books consulted in the Reference Library showed an increase of 131 and the issues from the Lending Library a decrease of 332, as compared with the corresponding month of last year, the principal decrease in the issues from the Lending Library being in works of fiction.

2--Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th inst. (Present : Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley and King-Harman and Rev. J. Evans). They recommended that the Librarian be granted 14 days' leave of absence on account of illness, and that the offer of the Publishers to present the " Malvern News " each week be accepted with thanks.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Rooms over Library—The Chairman reported that the Art Gallery and Museum Committee had with the approval of the Council agreed to become tenants of the rooms until recently occupied by the School of Art from the 29th September, 1906, at a rent of £50 per annum, a proportion of the cost of heating, lighting and cleaning to be paid for in addition.

Resolved, That the Education Committee be informed that this Committee are willing to let to them the School of Science Rooms at a rental of £70 per annum, including heating, the Library Committee agreeing to carry out the repairs and alterations mentioned in the specification now submitted by the Borough Surveyor.

4—Tenders for Books, Newspapers, &c.—The tenders, two in number, received for the supply of new books, magazines, and newspapers for the year 1907 were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. W. T. Cossens be accepted.

5—Tenders for Bookbinding—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co. (the only one received) for the bookbinding required during the year 1907 be accepted.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st January, 1907—Present The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £9,707 17s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £15,070 7s. 9d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £5,241 3s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £6,363 3s. 5d.

3—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds—With reference to Minute No. 5 of this Committee of the 30th October last, the Town Clerk reported that the proposed reciprocal investments of £10,000 with the Bury and District Water Board at 3 ½ per cent. interest could now be completed, the loans to be repayable at the end of 3, 5 or 7 years on six months' notice. Resolved, That a debenture for £10,000 on account of the Naunton School Loan of £14,200 be sealed and issued, and that £10,000 be invested with the Bury and District Water Board accordingly.

4--Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 27th November, 1906	£11,219 0 8
Received since that date	<u>£15,716 15 10</u>
	£26,935 16 6
Paid since that date	<u>£13,464 13 10</u>
	£13,471 2 8
Being General Accounts	£4,346 1 2
Sinking Funds	<u>£9,125 1 6</u>
	£13,471 2 8

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 7th January, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LEY WOOD, CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD HENRY WAGHORNE

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 3rd December last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Employees' Outing—Resolved, That the following Members of the Council be appointed a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the Annual Outing of the Corporation Employees this year, viz :— The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Waghorne.

3—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th December last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th December last, and 1st January instant, be approved and confirmed.

5—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st December last, be approved and confirmed.

6--Street and Highway Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 31st December last, be approved and confirmed.

7-Town Improvement Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st December last, be approved and confirmed.

8---Water Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 27th December last, be approved and confirmed.

9-General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th December last, be approved and confirmed, and that a Game Licence be issued to Mr. G. C. Morris, of No. 18 Winchcombe Street, accordingly.

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10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee---Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 6th, 10th and 21st December last, and 2nd January instant, be approved and confirmed.

11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th December last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th December last, be approved and confirmed.

13--Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st January instant, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

14—Aldermen and Mayoralty—The motion of which notice had been given by Councillor Green on this subject was not moved by him.

15—Free Opening of Montpellier Gardens—Councillor Stewart did not move the motion of which he had given notice on this subject.

16—Notices of Motion—The following notices of motion for the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council were given:—

By Councillor Green:

That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be requested to consider the desirability of increasing the number of electoral wards, either by the re-arrangement of the present ones, or by extending the area of the Borough, with a corresponding increase of the number of Aldermen and Councillors.

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By Councillor Merrett:

(1) That in future in all contracts for work required for this Council preference be given whenever practicable to local tradesmen; (2) That no contractor be employed unless he pays his workmen not less than the minimum standard rate of wages prevailing in Cheltenham for the time being in each branch of trade and observes the recognised hours' of employment and conditions adopted in the town for each class of labour respectively and that no contractor employed by this Council shall be

allowed to sublet any of the work contracted for without special permission of the Council or the Committee having charge of the work contracted for ; (3) That the Contractor in the event of any breach of these conditions by himself or any sub-contractor forfeit and pay to the Corporation the sum of Ten Pounds as and for liquidated damages for each and every case of such breach ; (4) That the terms of Clauses (2) & (3) of this resolution form part of the conditions embodied in all contracts with the Council and (5) That the Resolution of the Council of the 4th March, 1895, be varied accordingly.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted, for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th February, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th January, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Davies, King-Harman, Pilley, and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair.)

1—Overcrowding at No. 6, Old Millbrook, Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.—Nos. 8, 9 and 10, Old Millbrook Terrace, and 3, 4 and 5, Alston Place, Gloucester Road. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 30 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

3—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application to be registered as a cowkeeper by Mr. J. E. Manners, of Beech Hurst, Hewlett Road. Resolved, That the applicant be registered,

4—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 1 case of Diphtheria; that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

5—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 8, Edward Street — The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owners to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

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6— Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 3, 6 and 7, Old Millbrook Terrace, and 1, Hermitage Street — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46, of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

7—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 26, Hungerford Street, 34, Hanover Street, 36 and 38. Brunswick Street, White Horse, Swindon Road, and 46, St. Paul's Street, North—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

8—Insanitary Property — Nos. 3 and 7, Old Millbrook Terrace, Ten Bells, Bath Road, 29, Rutland Street, and 43, Burton Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

9—Demolition Order—Nos. 17 and 78, Whitehart Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these houses, in respect of which a closing order had been obtained, had not been rendered fit for human habitation, that no steps had been taken to render them fit, and that the continuance of the same was dangerous or injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the neighbouring houses. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion consider it is expedient to order the demolition of the buildings, and that notice be given to the owners of the same that this resolution will be further considered at a Meeting of this Council on the 11th March next, at 3 p.m.

10—Precautions against Phthisis—The Medical Officer of Health submitted for approval a statement of the precautions to be adopted by persons suffering from Phthisis to prevent the infection of other persons. He Proposed to have this statement printed, and to issue copies where he thought them likely to be of use in connection with notified cases of the disease, Resolved, That the proposal be approved.

11—St. Paul's District Sewers—The Borough Surveyor reported that a portion of the sewer in Marle Hill Road which was defective ran under the houses in the road, and he proposed to relay the sewer entirely in the street. He also reported that a small portion of the sewer which crossed land adjoining Wellesley Road was defective, and he was having this made good. Resolved, That this be approved.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st January, 1907; Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, King-Harman, Pilley, and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

12—Zymotic Disease -The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 1 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Enteric Fever, and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

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13-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 29, Cleveland Street. 1, Durbin Cottages, 32, Bloomsbury Street, Arle Farm Cottage, Arle, and 8, Bloomsbury Street. - The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14--Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 185 and 186, High Street, 17 and 17 ½, Hereford Place, Stores and Stables, Milsom Street, Marine Store Yard, Milsom Street, Brewer's Arms, St. Paul's Street, North, 2, St. Paul's Lane, 12, 13 and 16, St. Paul's Street, South, 51, Sun Street, 109, Tewkesbury Road, and 33, Hanover Street.-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

15-Insanitary Property-Nos. 9, Hereford Place, 1 and 2, Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane, 1 and 2, Glen Cottages, Folly Lane, 12, Grafton Street, and 6 and 7: Derrett's Cottages.-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

16-Overcrowding-No. 3, Derrett's Cottages, Alstone.-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

17-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-Nos. 4, Mapledene Cottages, Naunton Lane, 4, Keynsham Street, 6 and 20, Bloomsbury Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

18-Notices not complied with-The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from defective drainage, want of cleansing and limewashing, &c.,

which had been served, but not complied with, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

19-Houses Let in Lodgings-The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz.: -Frankfort Lodge, Hewlett Road., 20, Grosvenor Place, South, 15, Sandford Terrace, 10, Priory Street, 1, Alstone Avenue, and Sefton, Hewlett Street, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

20-Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-Nos. 3, 4 and 5, Derrett's Cottages, Alstone-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that these houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, and unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the said houses are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, proceedings be taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts for orders for the closing of the same.

21-Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Loans-The Town Clerk reported that an Inspector of the Local Government Board would hold a Local Inquiry into the application of the Council for Loans for Sewerage and Sewage Disposal on the 29th inst.

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22-Sewers in Commercial Street and Upper Bath Street- The Borough Surveyor reported that the brick sewers in Commercial Street and Upper Bath Street had been found defective. The sewer in Commercial Street had been made good, but he recommended that the sewer in Upper Bath Street should be replaced by a pipe sewer at a cost of about £80. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, and the work carried out forthwith.

23-Hatherley Outran Sewer--The following Tenders were received for the construction of the new Hatherley Outfall Sewer:-

[continued below]

		BRICK £	s	d.	PIPE. £ s.	s	d.
J. & T. Binns	Croydon	9,732	10	2	7,122	3	0
J. Dickson ...	St. Alban's	9,500	5	11	7,755	19	5
C. Bell & Sons	London .	9,145	13	9	7,530	16	3
J. H. Macdonald	Oxford ...	8,699	18	4	6,111	4	9
T. Smart ...	Nottingham	8,887	1	6	8,499	2	1
B.Firth & Co.	York ...	8,581	7	0	6,466	15	2
Kirkwood, Kerr & Co.	Glasgow ..	8,444	8	0	6,725	12	5
W. Walkerdine	Derby ...	8,207	10	5	6,515	11	7
Marshall Lovell ...	Bristol	7,989	0	7	7,769	0	0
Sutherland & Thorpe	Harborne ...	7,971	7	0	7,573	9	3
J. Riley ...	Cheltenham.	7,812	14	4	6,092	6	1
R. Lock	Leicester ...	7,575	8	0	7,183	5	2
J. A. Meredith	Cradley ...	7,490	0	8	7,320	0	0
Johnson & Langley...	Leicester ...	7,422	13	3	6,991	2	7
Chick, Carden & Co.	Highworth	7,400	10	0	6,948	17	11
C. Wright & Co. ...	Leicester ...	7,288	2	7	6,962	13	6
W. Cunliffe	Birmingham	7,190	6	6	6,179	3	9
R. H. H. Neal ...	Plymouth	6,997	0	5	5,934	0	0
Mark Williams & Co.	Cheltenham	6,759	1	[0]	5,817	4	0
C. Rutter ...	Barry ...	6,705	11	[0]	6,567	14	4
Lock, Andrews & Price	Nottingham	6,487	7	[0]	6,236	12	1

The Borough Surveyor recommended that the sewer should be constructed of brick. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Lock, Andrews & Price, of Nottingham, for the construction of a brick sewer at a cost of £6,487 7s. 5d. be accepted, subject to their entering into a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk, and furnishing satisfactory sureties for the due performance of the contract.

24-Office at Abattoir-The following tenders were received for the erection of an office for the Abattoir Superintendent

Cornock & Perry, Charlton Kings ...	£74 9 0
W. Cresswell, Cheltenham ...	£67 5 0
Collins & Godfrey, Cheltenham	£58 17 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey be accepted, the cost to be paid out of the amount in hand on capital account.

25-Sewer near Cedar Lodge, High Street-The Committee further considered the claim made by Mr. R. Minett for damage caused to his buildings by the excavation of a sewer running through the garden of Cedar Lodge. A report of Mr. James Villar, obtained by Mr. Minett, was also read, together with an estimate by Messrs. Moore Bros., for making good the building at a cost of £16. The Borough Engineer had inspected the property and made a report thereon. Resolved, That the sum of £16 be paid Mr. Minett in full settlement of his claim for damage.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th January, 1907—Present : Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. The following sales had been made during the month, viz ; -10 store pigs for £17 15s. 4d., 25 sheep for £66 8s. 7d., and 23 head of cattle for £387 2s. 9d. (Total sales £71 6s. 8d.) There had been no purchases of live stock during the month. The number on the farms on the 18th inst. was 11 horses and 1 colt, 114 head of cattle, 58 sheep and 2 pigs, all doing well. The new hay racks at Hayden Farm had been completed. 10s. had been received as per tender for the fruit at Barn Farm He recommended that seed wheat, beans, &c., be purchased for planting. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 7th January, 1907—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman, Ley Wood and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Naunton Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing arrangements he had provisionally made with Mr. F. E. Jenkins under which Mr. Jenkins was to give up 24 square yards of land in Naunton Lane on its junction with Fairfield Walk and to pay the cost of the materials for a crossing at the end of Fairfield Walk and also the cost of paving, kerbing and Channelling the footpath in Naunton Lane adjoining his land on the east side of Fairfield Walk, the Corporation to make the portion of roadway coloured blue on the plan submitted.

Resolved, That these terms be approved.

2—Cemetery Road Tip—Resolved, That a payment at the rate of per annum be made to Messrs. Pearce & Co., Ltd., as a contribution towards the rent payable by them for the use of the Occupation Road giving access to the tip on their property so long as the tip is used by the Corporation and that the Corporation also agree to keep the road in repair so long as the same is required in connection with the tip,

3—Old Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. R. Skemp had now agreed to give up additional land for widening this road which would improve the line of the road. Mr. T. D. Boulton had also agreed to set back his fence on the land adjoining Mr. Skemp's to the improved line as shown on the plan submitted on condition that the Corporation would provide and erect a larch fence on his new boundary line and make a gravel foot-path (with grass verge) on the land given up, the Corporation also agreeing not to call upon him to pave the footpath so long as he remained owner of the land.

Resolved, That the terms be approved and an agreement entered into accordingly.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th January, 1907—Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Randall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

4—Street Projection—The Street Inspector reported that a projecting sign had been put up without permission at Whitfield Hotel, Manchester Street. Read, a letter from Mrs. Gardner, the Proprietress, applying for permission for the sign to be allowed to remain. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to and notice be given requiring the removal of the sign.

5—Harp Hill--Read, a letter from Captain H. G. Willis, calling attention to the condition of the Harp Hill road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road coated with stone.

6—First Aid Instruction-The Borough Surveyor reported that the following officials and employees of the Council had obtained certificates of competency to render " first aid " viz : H. J. White, B. Nation, T. W. Halliwell, J. E. Pouting, W. J. Mullins, E. J. Manders, H. W. Pilkington, W. Addis, F. J. Bridgman, F. Cross, H. Dodwell, J. Hope, A. D. Middleton, A. Rogers, E. Scarrott, W. J. Sutton, H. J. Dodwell, J. Betteridge, W. Causon, Clifford Davies, H. Healey, H. W. Hill, H. Pates, G. Ruck and E. Storey. Resolved, That the names be recorded on the Minutes, and the Mayor be asked to present the certificates at the next Council Meeting.

7—Buildings at rear of No. 5 Francis Street —The Building Inspector having reported that some wooden buildings had been erected at the rear of No. 5 Francis Street in contravention of the Byelaws with respect to New Buildings. Resolved, That notice be given to the person responsible for the erection of such buildings under No. 54 of the Byelaws requiring him to show cause why the same should not be removed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th January, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, King-Herman and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

8—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 29th December to the 24th January (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—St. George's Street (1,647 super yards), Albert Road (4,050 super yards), Lansdown Road (proceeding).

Roads Patched—Gloucester Road, Old Bath Road, Charlton Lane, Princes Street, Montpellier Street, Montpellier Walk, Exmouth Street, and Duke Street. Crossings repaired-3 at Montpellier wide opening, 1 in Park Place, 1 in Suffolk Square, and 1 in Swindon Road. New Gateway Crossing fixed-1. New Gullies fixed-3.

New Gulley Grates and Frames fixed-2. Manholes paved round-18. Manhole covers renewed-2.

Water Boxes paved round,---7. Electric Light Trenches repaired-3 in Gloucester Road, 2 in High Street and 1 each in Christ Church Road, Queen's Road, Rodney Road and St. George's Road.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Old Bath Road and Great Western Terrace. Slab Paving laid—Edward Terrace (19 super yards). Paving relaid—Parabola Road (300 super yards), Evesham Road (425 super yards), Queen's Road and Ashford Road (proceeding). Footpaths gravelled—Battledown Approach (1,598 super yards), Old Bath Road (2 sections) (1,165 super yards), Gloucester Road (250 super yards), Andover Road (1,060 super yards).

Trees pruned—Tewkesbury Road and Cemetery Road. Trees topped—Albert Road.

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Trees planted—Alstone Avenue (23), Malvern Road (7), Gloucester Road (4), Imperial Square (5), St. Luke's Road Albert Road (3), Wellington Square (1), Argyle Place (1), Leckhampton Road (4), Old Bath Road (61).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks- ended 24th January, 1907, 1,173 loads collected, 463 tipped away, and 710 consumed. Weight consumed, 757 tons 19 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 27th January, 1907, 600 $\frac{2}{3}$ square yards of slabs made.

9-View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :-----Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and King-Harman.

10— Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 15th and 25th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted..

11—Private Improvement Works—Albany Road.—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be carried out in Albany Road had been completed at a cost of £70 0s. 3d., and he submitted an apportionment of this amount based upon the degree of benefit derived by the abutting owners. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Council regard should be had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived from the works carried out, that the apportionment as now settled on this basis be approved and adopted, and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served upon the owners of premises mentioned therein.

12—Private Improvement Works-- St. Stephen's Road.—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be carried out in St. Stephen's Road had been completed at a cost of £15 19s. 7d., which amount he had apportioned to the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the owners.

13—Crossing in front of Queen's Hotel.—Resolved, That the crossing from the footpath in front of the Winter Garden to the front of the Queen's Hotel be relaid.

14 - Road leading to Cookery School, Tivoli, Footpaths in Market Street, and Back of Marlborough House, &c., Montpellier, and Channelling Post Office Lane.—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit plans and specifications of the works required to be done in these streets by the abutting owners.

15—Winstonian Road—Resolved, That this road be declared a highway; repairable by the inhabitants at large, and that the Town Clerk give the necessary notices accordingly.

16—Whitehart Street Footpath—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan, specification and estimate of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved. That the same be approved, and that Notices be given under Section 44 of The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street. requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days : and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act and The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

17—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the lamps fixed at Messrs. Hepworths' premises, High Street, did not comply with the conditions made by the Council, and that at Messrs. Fisher's, No. 2, Exchange Buildings, Bath Road, two projecting show cases had been placed. Resolved, That Messrs. Hepworth be requested to comply with the resolution of the Council or remove the lamps, and that notice be given to Messrs. Fisher requiring the removal of the show cases.

Read a letter from Mr. C. S. Millard, Head Master of the School of Art, applying for permission to place advertisement boards, 5 feet by 3 feet, giving particulars of the classes at the School of Art outside the Municipal Offices, and on land in Manchester Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

18—Crossing in Sydenham Road, North—Read an application from Mr. W. H. Horsley, asking for a crossing to be placed across Sydenham. Road, North, from Sydenham Villas Road. Resolved, That the Council see no necessity for the provision of a crossing in the position mentioned.

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19—Seat in Battledown Approach Road—Read an application from Mr. Arthur Lamb for the removal of a seat near his house in Battledown Approach Road, on account of its being a nuisance. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

20—Buildings at Rear of No, 5, Francis Street—Mr. J. W. Price attended this meeting to show cause why the buildings erected by him in contravention of the byelaws should not be removed. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to inspect the buildings.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE. At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th January, 1907—Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
484	A. Matthews	2 semi-detached villas, Hewlett Road.
485	Godsell & Son	Additions to Horse & Groom, St. George's Place.
486	F. Fisher	Detached house, Hall Road.
487	J. D. Bendall	2 semi-detached houses, Hall Road.
479	F. Jenkins	2 cottages, Naunton Lane.
488	J. How	Alterations to premises in High Street and Cambray.
489	G. A. Hawkins	2 semi-detached villas, Hewlett Street (corner of Albion Street),
490	C. Price	Bath Room, No. 2 St. Luke's Villas, College Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 484, 486, 487, 479, and 489 be approved and that Plans Nos. 485, 488 and 490 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 25th January, 1907—Present : Councillor Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Pilley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

2-New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended New Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
485	Godsell Sons	Additions to Horse & Groom, St. George's Place.
488	J. How	Alterations and Additions to premises, corner of High Street and Cambray.
490	C. Price	New Bath Room, 2, St. Luke's Villas, College Road.

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491	Gloucester Co-operative Society	Additions to Stables, &c., Market Street.
492	D. W. Channon	Store Shed, Oxford Passage.
493	C. M. Haward	Addition to Store Room, 426, High Street.
494	Lewis Vizard	Alterations and Additions to The Ivies, Libertus Road.
495	W. Vale	Motor-house at " The Willows," Church Road, St. Mark's

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 485, 490, 493, 494 and 495 be approved, that Plan Nos. 492 be approved as a temporary building only and subject to the usual agreement, and that Plans Nos. 488 and 491 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

HIGHWAYS EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 11th January, 1907.—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Reference to Committee—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to extend their enquiry so as to include all the departments of the Corporation, as the Committee find that the work of the Street and Highway Department is so connected with the work of other departments that it is impossible to make a comprehensive report on the matter without dealing with the work of other departments, and that the resolution of the Council of the 1st January, 1906, appointing this Committee be varied accordingly.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th January, 1907. Present :—Councillors Bendall, Green, Margrett, Merrett, and Stroud (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

2—Highways Expenditure—This matter was furthered considered.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st January, 1907—Present : Aldermen, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Gift of Ducks—The Borough Surveyor reported that Col. Alexander had presented 4 ducks to Pittville Park. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donor.

2—Use of Archery Ground at Montpellier- -Read a letter from Miss Carnegy, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Archery Club, applying for the use of the Archery Ground at Montpellier on the same term- as last year, viz :—From the 1st April to 31st October next at a rent of £12 12s. 0d. for the ground and a man to put up and take down the targets, and a charge of 2s. 6d. for the use of a room at the Lodge on bow days. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3.—Athletic Sports at Montpellier—Read an application from the Hon. Secretary Cheltenham Athletic Society for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on Easter Monday, 1907, for their Annual Athletic Sports. Resolved, That the application be granted on payment of the same rent, namely, £20, and on the same conditions as last year.

1—Telephone Poles on Pittville Estate—Read an application from the National Telephone Company for permission to place three poles in the lane at the back of Evesham Road, and one pole in the cross road between the Western Drive and Evesham Road. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to

the terms of the agreement now submitted, except that the annual payment in respect of each pole be 2s. 6d. instead of 1s.

5—Pittville Park—The Chairman reported that the Committee met at Pittville Park on the 9th inst. Present:— Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel and Stewart. The Committee had instructed the Borough Surveyor to prepare plans and estimates for consideration by the Committee for alterations in and additions to the W.C. and urinal accommodation at the Chalet, and for fencing, potting shed, &c., required. They also recommended that the back stream near the boathouse be filled up, that three pear trees near the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground be removed, that the bridge near the mill house be rebuilt, that laurels be planted near that end of the lake in the Annexe at a cost of £5, and that a number of the swans be disposed of by sale or exchange for other waterfowl. Resolved, That the action and recommendations of the Committee at their inspection meeting be approved. Resolved also, That in view of the damage done by visitors to the roof of the Pump Room, the charge for admission to the dome be increased from 1d. to 3d. each person, except that parties of not less than twelve persons be admitted to the dome at a charge of 1d. each, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place a notice in the Pump Room that persons found damaging the building will be prosecuted.

6--List of Local Engagements—Read a letter from Mr. G. H. Williams, Secretary of the Town Committee, stating that his Committee were unable to continue issuing a list of town engagements, as the advertisements inserted would not in the future cover the cost, and his Committee had no funds for such purpose. The cost would be about per annum for printing 500 copies weekly, apart from distribution. Resolved. That this Committee cannot recommend the Council to issue a list as suggested.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th January, 1907—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

7—Skating at Pittville—The Borough Surveyor reported that a number of persons had committed a breach of the byelaws made by the Council, by going upon the ice at Pittville Park when notices that the ice was unsafe had been put up. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against the principal offenders for the penalties incurred.

Resolved also, That the charge for admission to the Pump Room Gardens or to the Marle Hill Annexe be 6d., while the ice is available for skating, and that skating be allowed on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sunday, from 2 to 6 p.m.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th January, 1907—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the chair).

8—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended that the subscriptions to the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens this year be the same as last year and that Mr. A. W. Newton be engaged to manage the summer concerts this year on the same terms as last year, viz to receive 65 per cent. of the gate receipts and chair money and in addition half the Sub-Committee's proportion of the Garden subscriptions after deducting Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

9—Advertisement Boards outside Winter Garden, &c.—Read a letter from Mr. C. Stuart Millard, Headmaster of the School of Art asking for permission to place advertisement boards with particulars of the School of Art Classes outside the Winter, Montpellier and Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to grant the permission asked for.

10-- Town Band---Read a letter from Mr. J. Boyce on behalf of the Town Band, asking whether the Council could make them a weekly grant. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot recommend the Council to make any grant.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING. COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th January, 1907. Present :—Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the illuminating power of the gas on the 15th inst. with the following result :-18.2 candles.

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2-View Meeting re Public Lighting—The Chairman reported that the Committee met on the 14th inst. Present :— Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel, and visited the following localities, in respect of which complaints had been received as to the public lighting, and recommended as follows:—

Sydenham Road South—That one new lamp be placed in this Road

Charlton Lane—That one new lamp be placed in this road,

Naunton Park Terrace—That one new lamp be placed in this road.

Sanford Terrace—That one half-night arc recently discontinued be again switched on.

Queen's Hotel, Road in front of—That no addition or alteration be made in the lighting.

Lansdown Terrace—That one lamp be removed to a new position.

Alstone Lane and Sandfields—That two additional lamp be provided in these roads.

Arle Road and Alstone Avenue-That one additional gas lamp be placed near the road to the Destructor, and that the position of an existing lamp in the Arle Road, near. Alstone Avenue, be altered.

Resolved, That the recommendations and the plans now submitted by the Borough Surveyor showing the proposed positions of the lamps be approved.

3—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 15th inst. there were 909 consumers, with an equivalent of 60,618 eight candles power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 850 and 56,505 respectively.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th January, 1907 — Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley-Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley-Wood in the chair).

4—Additions to Plant—The Committee further considered a Report from the Borough Electrical Engineer as to the additional plant which would be required next winter to cope with the increased load. He pointed out that it was important that steps should be taken to put the work in hand as soon as possible. as the manufacturers would require at least 6 months to deliver the plant, which would have to be running in October. The cost of the generating set, with the necessary condensing and other auxiliary plant, would be approximately as follows :—

500 Kilowatts ...	£4,300 or £8 12s. 0d. per K.W.
750 “	£6,000 or £8 6s. 0d. “
1,000 “	£8,000 or £8 0s. 0d. “

He recommended the largest plant, as it would be much more economical in working. He estimated that there would be an economy in using the 750 or 1,000 K.W. set of over £108 per annum.

Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £8,000 for a 1,000 Kilowatt set, with necessary condensing and auxiliary plant, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare detailed specifications for the plant, and that tenders be invited for the supply of the same.

5—No. 335 High Street—Resolved, To continue the tenancy of these premises the 29th September next can the same terms as at present.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th January, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman Councillors Baker, Davis, Green, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 17th January, 1907.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	252,000 gallons	193,400 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,720,700 "	1,297,000 "
Leckhampton	25,344 "	not gauged.
Total	1,998,044	1,490,400 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

January 17th, 1907.			January 17th, 1906.		
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents	
Hewletts	---	24,740,306 gallons	---	12,255,593 gallons	
Leckhampton	5ft. 10in.	787,945 "	9ft. 0in.	1,215,693 "	
Dowdeswell	24ft. 8in.	64,186,634 "	31ft. 2in.	95,634,075 "	
Total Storage		89,714,885 "		109,105,361 "	

Pumping ceased at Tewkesbury on the 4th inst.

2—No. 4, Ferndale Terrace, St. Luke's—On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Resolved, That No. 4, Ferndale Terrace, St. Luke's near the Sandford Pumping Station be taken by the Corporation on a lease for 3, 5 or 7 years, at a rent of £14 per annum, for occupation by a Waterworks employee, the Borough Engineer to make a reduction in the wages of such employee in consideration of his occupation of the house.

3—Boiler at Tewkesbury—On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Resolved, That the price of the boiler to be removed from the Tewkesbury Works to the Montpellier Baths be fixed at £150.

4—Additional Pumping Machinery—Read a Report by the Borough Engineer on the provision of additional pumping machinery at Tewkesbury (copy herewith). Resolved, That vertical, inverted, triple expansion, rotative and three-throw ram pumps, be obtained for Tewkesbury at an estimated cost of £4,000, and that this sum, together with the cost of the necessary alterations and additions to buildings, foundations to engines, well work, &c. (estimated at 1,000), be paid for out of the accumulated revenue of the Waterworks.

5—Appeals—The cases entered into the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd January: 1907—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Winterbotham,. Councillors Baker, Bendall and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain, of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called to a fire at 2 Albert Cottages, St. Luke's. Cause unknown. Damage £2. Expenses of brigade £2 17s. 0d. Premises and contents not insured.

He asked that arrangements should be made for the Brigade horse driver to live nearer the Station, and that he should be provided with uniform. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

3—Cab Stand in Cambray—Supt. Hopkins having recommended that a Hackney Carriage stand should be provided in or near Cambray, Resolved, That a stand for 2 hackney carriages be placed in Cambray, the exact position to be settled by this Committee.

4—Vacancy on Education Committee—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. Cheltenham Teachers' Association, submitting the names of Mr. C. H. King, M.A., Master of Method at the Cheltenham Training College, and Mr. Thomas Lyon, Lecturer at the Training College, for a selection to be made to fill the vacancy on the Education Committee caused by the death of the late Mr. F. F. Wheeler. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. C. H. King.

5—Leckhampton Hill—The Town Clerk reported that he had now received a letter from Mr. W. H. Russell, dated the 21st inst., intimating that his clients declined to entertain the proposals contained in the Town Clerk's letter of the 4th August last, or to meet the representatives of the Corporation in a friendly conference in the matter. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

6—Postal Deliveries—Read, a letter from Mr. A. C. Saxby, enclosing a letter received by him from the Postmaster, stating that under new regulations made on the 1st inst. persons calling for their correspondence would be charged a search fee of 3d., unless they rented a private box at a cost of £2 2s. per annum.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Postmaster pointing out that when the 8 p.m. delivery was discontinued a promise was given in his letter of the 9th January, 1906, that a delivery would be afforded at 8 p.m. to callers at the Head Office to meet the requirements of firms and others to whom an 8 p.m. delivery was important.

GEO. NORMAN.

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th January, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts -...	£479 10 5	Payments	£402 18 6
Rent of Shop	£24 0 0	Proportion of repayment	
Hire of Bath for		of loans and interest	£399 15 9
Gymnasium, &c. ...	£31 8 9		
Old Lead..	<u>£1 17 4</u>		
	£536 16 6		£802 14 3

Medical Baths at Montpellier—Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Merrett and Stewart and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to inspect the Baths at Bath with a view to obtaining information as to the equipment and arrangement of the Air Douche and Vapour Baths authorised by the Council.

2—Alstone Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows: —

Receipts	£329 8 4	Payments	£306 1 6
		Repayment of	
		loans and interest ...	<u>£251 10 1</u>
	£329 8 4		£557 11 7

3—Recreation Grounds— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the Superintendents of the Recreation Grounds with splints and bandages for use in cases of accident.

4--Superintendents of Montpellier Baths—The applications, 63 in number, received for this appointment were considered. Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. F. Jones, of Elland Baths, Yorkshire, Mr. and Mrs. Stretton, of Stourbridge Baths, Mr. and Mrs. Talbot, of the Corporation Baths, Morley, and Mr. and Mrs. Tolson, of the Corporation Baths, Dewsbury, be invited to attend a Meeting of this Committee on the 23rd instant.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd January, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

5—Superintendents of Montpellier Baths—The applicants selected for interview at the last meeting attended before the Committee. Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stretton of the Baths, Stourbridge, be appointed Superintendents of the Montpellier Baths at the salary and on the other terms and conditions mentioned or referred to in the advertisement inviting applications.

6—Central Spa Attendant—Read, a letter from the Attendant at the Central Spa, dated the 22nd instant, giving one month's notice of her intention to resign her position. Resolved, That Miss Compton, of 2, Renton Villas; Marle Hill Road, be appointed to fill the vacancy, the salary and other conditions to be as at present.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th January, 1907. Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that 652 interments had been made in the Cemetery last year, being 23 less than in 1905. He recommended that the mowing machines should be put in good order and that new matting and mats should be provided for the chapel and corridors. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted and that suggestions made as to new heating apparatus for the chapels and painting, &c. required at the Cemetery be adjourned pending a visit by the Committee to the Cemetery.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved: Kerbs to graves of J. W. Lovell, William Alexander Harber, and W. Bentham. Headstones to graves of Elizabeth and Thomas Frederick Webley, and Edward Canniford. Memorial Cross to grave of Ferdinand Tidmarsh.

3 —Cemetery Fees and Charges—Read a letter from Mr. E. A. Emms thanking the Committee on behalf of the Local Sculptors for receiving a deputation recently, and stating that the sculptors had unanimously agreed to accept the new scale proposed without further objection.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th January, 1907 Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Waghorne, Winterbotham, Councillors Marshall and Stroud, The Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,719 visits made to the Art Gallery since November 21st last.

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The South Kensington Museum Authorities had changed the objects in the 4 Cases, the loan now consisting of objects representing Metalwork, Woodwork, and Needlework. They had also sent on loan a number of framed drawings of examples of work in Metal, Wood, etc., and photographs of Stone-carving. He recommended that two of the Show Cases from the large Gallery should be removed to the upstairs rooms; one to be placed in the Local Museum and the other in the Industrial Art Room, and that the Pierson Glass Case for the Fossils be fitted and placed in position.

Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th January, 1907—Present Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, Margrett, Merrett, Stewart, Baron de Ferrieres, Revs. J. Evans, J. A. Owen and A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell and F. Parsons (Councillor Merrett in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. There had been an increase of 19 in the number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library and a decrease of 914 (principally in fiction and juvenile literature) in the issues from the Lending Department as compared with the corresponding month last year. Receipts £7 18s. 8d. Presentations:—Town and County Directories, Ltd., 1 vol ; Board of Trade, 1 vol ; Baron de Ferrieres, 3 vols.

2—Rooms over Library—Resolved. That the Sub-Committee be authorised to consider the tenders received for the repairs, etc., to be carried out in the rooms to be occupied by the Education Committee and to accept a tender.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th January, 1907—Present; The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £15,677 0s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £9,100 16s. 6d.

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2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £7,756 14s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £4,553 19s. 8d.

3—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that the Llandudno Urban District Council were willing to lend £2,700 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the loans to bear interest at 3 ½ per cent., and to be repayable at the end of 3, 5, 7 or 10 years, on six months' notice. Resolved, That subject -to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the proposed reciprocal investment be approved, and a debenture for £2,700 be sealed and issued, and £2,700 invested with the Llandudno Urban District Council accordingly.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £500 on loan at 3 5/8 per cent., and expected to receive £250 or £300 at the same rate. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued

for the amounts when received in part replacement of amounts paid off in respect of the Street Improvement £9,500 loan.

5—Insurance—Resolved, That Councillors Merrett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the insurances effected by the Corporation (other than those against fire in the County Fire Office), and as to the insurance which should be made by the Corporation having regard to the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 1st January, 1907	£13,471 2 8
Received since that date (including Loan £500)	<u>£25,400 12 3</u>
	£38,871 14 11
Paid since that date (including £10,000 Sinking Funds invested with the Bury & District Water Board	<u>£29,090 6 8</u>
	£ 9,781 8 3
Being General Accounts	£7,150 15 3
Sinking Funds	<u>£2,630 13 0</u>
	£9,781 8 3

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th February, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: RICHARD ROGERS JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT LEY WOOD, CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT Tom HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD. HENRY WAGHORNE

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 7th January last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2--Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Loan The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board Inquiry into the application of the Council for a loan for sewerage and sewage disposal purposes would be held on the 12th instant, at 10 a.m.

3—Use of Winter Garden—Read a letter from the local representative of the Salvation Army applying for the free use of the Winter Garden for one evening when the building is not otherwise engaged for a cinematograph exhibition the proceeds to be devoted to their Soup Kitchen Fund. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4—Presentation of Loving Cup—Alderman Waghorne presented, on behalf of Mr. Agg-Gardner, a handsome silver gilt cup, a copy of one designed by Paul Lamerie in 1739 which Mr. Agg-Gardner wished the Corporation to accept as a token of his regard and esteem. The cup had been engraved with the Borough Arms and bore the following inscription "Presented to the Corporation of Cheltenham by J. T. Agg-Gardner, a freeman of the Borough." Resolved, unanimously, That the warmest thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr. Agg-Gardner for his handsome gift and that the Mayor be requested to write Mr. Agg-Gardner to convey their appreciation of his generosity.

5—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st January last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendments, viz :—That the Resolution to Minute No. 23 (Hatherley Outfall Sewer) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

That the Resolution to Minute No. 25 (Sewer near Cedar Lodge, High Street) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

6—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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7—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 7th, 15th and 28th January last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Highways Expenditure- Inquiry Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Highways Expenditure Inquiry Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th and 16th January last be approved and confirmed and that the reference to the Committee be enlarged and added to accordingly.

9—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 21st, 25th and 29th January last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :—That the 1st Resolution to Minute No. 7 (Skating at Pittville) be not approved.

10—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 17th and 24th January last be approved and confirmed.

11—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 24th January last, be approved and confirmed.

12—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd January last, be approved and confirmed, and that Mr. Charles Holland King be appointed a Member of the Education Committee accordingly.

13—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 23rd January last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th January last, be approved and confirmed.

15—Loan for School Furniture—On the recommendation of the Education Committee Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £2,500 for the supply of furniture for the provided elementary schools in the Borough.

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16—Art Gallery and Museum Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th January last be approved and confirmed.

17—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th January last, be approved and confirmed.

18—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th January: last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

19—Notices of Motion—The following notices of motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council were given:—

By Councillor Green: That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be requested to consider the desirability of increasing the number of electoral wards, either by the re-arrangement of the present ones, or by extending the area of the Borough, with a corresponding increase of the number of Aldermen and Councillors.

By Councillor Merrett : (1) That in future in all contracts for work required for this Council preference be given whenever practicable to local tradesmen ; (2) That no contractor be employed unless he pays his workmen not less than the minimum standard rate of wages prevailing in Cheltenham for the time being in each branch of trade and observes the recognised hours of employment and conditions adopted in the town for each class of labour respectively and that no contractor employed by this Council shall be allowed to sublet any of the work contracted for without special permission of the Council or the Committee having charge of the work contracted for.

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(3) That the Contractor in the event of any breach of these conditions by himself or any sub-contractor forfeit and pay to the Corporation the sum of Ten Pounds as and for liquidated damages for each and every case of such breach; (4) That the terms of Clauses (2) & (3) of this resolution form part of the conditions embodied in all contracts with the Council and (5) That the Resolution of the Council of the 4th March, 1895, be varied accordingly.

By Councillor Packer: That the question of the desirability of adopting the Education (Provision of Meals) Act, 1906, in Cheltenham, be referred to the Public Health Committee with a request that they shall obtain information from Elementary School Teachers and others having intimate acquaintance with the condition of school children, and shall, in bringing up their recommendation, report the substance of such information to the Council.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th March, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th February, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, King-Harman, Pilley, Stewart and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair.)

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Erysipelas, and 7 of Diphtheria that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 7, Orchard Place, 30, Sherborne Street, and 14 and 15, Queen Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Wych Elm, Lansdown Parade, Nos. 17, 18, 28 & 29 Bloomsbury Street, 240 High Street, 1 & 2 Cottage Place, & 2, 3, 4, 8 & 9 Rutland Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

Nos. 36 and 35, Brunswick Street and 33, Hanover Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, &c., on or belonging to Nos. 36 and 38 Brunswick Street and 33 Hanover Street, and found the same in bad condition and requiring amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the works required to be done. Resolved, That notice be given to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 21 days from the service of the notice.

4—Insanitary Property -- Nos. 7 Orchard Place, 30 Sherburne Street, 28, Hermitage Street, and 14, and 15, Queen Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied -that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Overcrowding at No. 49, Sun Street — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 7, and 44, Bloomsbury Street, 1, Christ Church Terrace, and 13, Devonshire Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 30th ult. the carcase (with offal) of a heifer (weight 812 lbs.) was surrendered at the Abattoir as being badly affected with tuberculosis, and destroyed. On the 28th ult. 15lbs. of unsound plaice was surrendered and destroyed.

8—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. :—Nos. 6, St. George's Square, and 2, 6 and 7 Bayshill Terrace, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

9—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report. The general death rate per 10,000 living persons for 1906 was 13.9, and the zymotic death rate .68, and the infant death rate per 1,000 children born was 100. All these rates were below the average. Resolved, That 250 copies of the Report be printed, and that the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to invite tenders and accept one of them.

10—Factory and Workshop Act, 1901—The Medical Officer of Health reported the names of certain tradesmen who had neglected to comply with the provisions of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as to supplying periodically lists of out-workers employed by them, although their attention had been

called to the requirements of the Act. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred if the lists are not furnished forthwith.

11—Sewer near Cedar Lodge, High Street—The claim made by Mr. R. Minett for damage alleged to be caused to his buildings by the excavation of a sewer through his garden referred back by the Council for further consideration was again considered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make good any damage caused by the excavation of the Sewer.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th February, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors H. Davis, King-Harman, Pilley, and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

12—Zymotic Disease--The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 5 cases of Diphtheria; that 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 3 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

13—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, and 8, Upper Norwood Street, 3, Corpus Street, 39, Rutland Street, 18, St. George's Street, 2, St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road, 25, Russell Street, and 6 and 7 Hanover Street. — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 24, 60, and 61, Sun Street, 1 and 2, Rehobeth Place, 32 and 33, Waterloo Street, 32 and 33 Worcester Street, Stone Cottage, and 27, Clevelevand Street. — The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

15—Insanitary Property—Nos. 9 and 13, Upper Norwood Street, 23 and 25, Russell Street, 12 Grail= Street, and 6 and 7 Hanover Street.—The -Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

16—Overcrowding—No. 9, White Hart Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

17—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 19 Upper Norwood Street, 9 Corpus Street, 23 Francis Street and 47 Naunton Crescent. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

18—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. :—Oxford House, Bath Road, 11 Cambay, 15 Sandford Terrace, and 5 Albert Place, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the tenants.

19—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices requiring provision of ash receptacles, and abatement of nuisances arising from defective drainage and overcrowding, which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

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20—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The Medical Officer of Health reported the death on the 13th inst. of Mr. Edwin Jones, Assistant Inspector of Nuisances. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to advertise in the local papers inviting applications to fill the vacancy, the salary to be 25s per week, and to submit for approval by the Committee the name of a suitable candidate for appointment.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th February, 1907. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors M. Davis, Pilley and Stewart (The Mayor in the Chair).

22—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received 79 applications for the appointment of Assistant Inspector of Nuisances and he had selected the following applicants for interview by the Committee, viz: Messrs. F. Carpenter, R. F. Elmes, C. Emerson and H. Jones. Resolved, That Mr. Emerson, at present Head Porter at the Cheltenham General Hospital, be appointed Assistant Inspector at the salary and on the other terms and conditions mentioned in the advertisement inviting applications, the appointment to be terminable at any time by either party by one month's notice.

23—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—This matter was further considered. As an alternative to a brick or pipe sewer, the Borough Surveyor suggested that the sewer might be constructed of egg shaped concrete tubes which he thought would make a satisfactory sewer and would cost about the same as the pipe

sewer. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their approval of the substitution of an egg-shaped concrete tube sewer for the brick sewer.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a revised estimate from Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., the lowest tenderers for the pipe sewer, to submit for the approval of the Council.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th February, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. The following sales had been made during the month, viz : 13 head of cattle (including 1 calf) for £208 11s. 3d., and 28 sheep for £67 3s. 10d. (Total £275 15s. 1d.) No purchases of stock had been made during the month. The number on the farms on the 15th instant, was 11 horses and 1 colt, 101 head of cattle, 30 sheep and 25 pigs, all doing very well.

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4 tons, 11 cwts, 1 qr. of hay, and 3 tons, 16 cwts, 3 qrs. of straw had been delivered to the Central Depot, and 5 tons, 16 cwts, 3 qrs. of manure and 1 load of thorns had been delivered at the Winter and Pittville Gardens. 183 4-inch land drain pipes had been purchased, with the sanction of the Chairman, for work at Hayden, and 18 bushels of seed wheat had been obtained at 4s per bushel. He recommended the purchase of more cattle and that an oil engine should be obtained for chaff cutting. Resolved, That the recommendation as to the purchase of cattle be approved and that the purchase of an oil engine be considered at the next meeting.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th February, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman, and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Jones, of No. 5, Edward Terrace, Norwood Road, applying for permission to fix a small sign board (20 by 14 inches) outside his premises. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height and projection.

2—Covered Entrance at Camperdown, St. Stephen's Road—With reference to the Agreement entered into by the late Rear Admiral Onslow that the covered entrance at Camperdown, St. Stephen's Road, should be in any case removed on his ceasing to own and occupy the house, the Town Clerk reported that he had as instructed by the Committee given notice to the Executor of the will that the covered entrance should now be removed. Read a letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., asking on behalf of the

executor that the covered entrance should be allowed to remain as the same had now been erected over a year, and no complaint had been made as to it. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to allow the covered entrance to remain and that the same must be removed forthwith.

3—Pillar Letter Box in Prestbury Road—Read, a letter from the Postmaster applying for permission to erect a pillar letter box in the Prestbury Road near Southam Court to replace the existing wall-box. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the exact position for the box being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

4—Report of Stores Sub-Committee—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 30th ultimo (Present Councillors Baker, Bendall (Chairman) and Gridley).

Jackets for Ashmen. Resolved, That 16 jackets be ordered for the ashmen in accordance with the sample now submitted and approved.

Horses. The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Taylor was willing to attend the horses belonging to the Corporation (20 in number) whenever necessary at a charge of per horse per annum, medicine to be charged for in addition in accordance with a schedule of prices. Mr. Taylor would visit the Depot each week as part of his duties. Resolved, That the offer be accepted for one year, and that the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the Street and Highway Committee of the 11th December last be rescinded.

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5—Sydenham Villas Road—The Town Clerk reported that a notice declaring Sydenham Villas Road from High Street to Sydenham Road North, a length of 978 feet) to be a highway had been duly posted and advertised, and that no objection had been made thereto. Resolved, That the notice be recorded on the Minutes.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th February, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th January to the 21st February, 1907 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Lansdown Road (proceeding), Christ Church Road (proceeding), Roads patched—Francis Street, Naunton Crescent, Andover Road and Naunton Park Terrace. Water Trenches repaired-1 in Selkirk Street.

Gas Trenches repaired-3 in Hatherley Road, 3 in Prestbury Road, 1 in Albert Place and 1 in Old Bath Road.

Electric Light Trenches repaired—Suffolk Road, Bath Parade, Bath Place, Winchcomb Street, Queen's Road, Christ Church Road, Gloucester Road, High Street, Northwick Terrace and Glencairn Park Road.

Footpath Paving renewed—High Street (257 super yards), Market Street (36 super yards).

New Slab Paving—Malvern Road and Naunton Lane (proceeding). Footpath Paving relaid—Ashford Road (310 super yards), Evesham Road (70 super yards), High Street (30 super yards).

Footpaths gravelled—Old Bath Road (766 super yards), Hatherley Road (proceeding). Footpath repaired with Clinker—Off Granley Road to Cloddimore. Kerb repaired—Market Street (24 lineal yards). Channel relaid—Market Street, Townsend Street, Duke Street, St. James' Street, and Queen's Circus, Street Crossings renewed-2.

New Gulley Grating fixed-1. Manholes paved round-15. Manholes brought to surface—8.

Trees cut down-36 in Evesham Road, 3 in Cleeve Path Drive, 1 in Albert Road, 5 in Hale's Road, 20 in High Street and 1 in Leckhampton Road.

Trees planted—London Road (1), Alstone Avenue (3), Old Bath Road (22), St. George's Road (1), Ambrose Street (4), Bay shill Road (2). Hedge pruned—Harp Hill.

Ash Destructor Inclined Approach Road—Re-made 660 super yards.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 21st February, 1907, 1,087 loads collected, 378 tipped away, and 709 consumed. Weight consumed, 752 tons 6 cwts., 2 qrs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 14th February, 1907, 795 $\frac{2}{3}$ square yards of slabs made.

7—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Councillors Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman.

8—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 12th and 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted, and that notice be given to Mr. T. W. Smith, under No. 54 of the Byelaws with respect to new buildings, requiring him to show cause why the porch erected by him should not be removed.

9—Street Projections—The Street Inspector having reported that the two projecting show cases at Messrs. Fisher's, Bath Road, had not been removed in accordance with notice, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred under the byelaws.

10—Tar Boilers, &c.—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That two boilers for tar (capacity 150 gals. each) be purchased at a cost of £57, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a second hand tar wagon.

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11—Sale of Old Tins, &c.—Read, a letter from Mr. John Birch, of Small Heath, Birmingham, offering 8S per ton for the old tins, &c., brought to the Destructor during twelve months including the clearing up of the present accumulation. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to the terms of an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

12—Private Improvement Works—St. Anne's Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be carried out in St. Anne's Road had been completed at a cost of

£321 18s. 8d., which amount he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and that notices thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the abutting owners.

13—Footpath in Malvern Road—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with the G.W.R. Co. for the widening of the footpath in Malvern Road near Gloucester Road. Resolved, That the same be approved.

14—Motor Car Acts—Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board enclosing an Order issued by the Board amending previous Orders as regards the passage of heavy motor cars over bridges where the latter have been declared by the persons liable for their repair to be insufficient for such purpose.

15—Footpath in High Street—Resolved, That the footpath on the North side of High Street, from Berkeley Street to Priory Street, be paved with concrete slabs.

16—Crossing from Suffolk Square to Montpellier—Read, a letter from Colonel Churchill asking that a crossing shall be laid down from Suffolk Square to Montpellier. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider a crossing necessary at present, but that the request will be further considered when the roadway needs to be recoated.

17—Footpath in Market Street (Opposite Osborne Terrace, &c.)—The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification, plan, and estimate of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved. That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 44 of The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street. requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days : and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act and The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

18—Tenders for Stores, &c.—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met and considered the tenders (285 in number) for the supply of materials for the 12 months ending the 31st March, 1908, and examined the accompanying samples submitted. Resolved, To recommend the acceptance of the schedules of prices for the supply of goods required by the Corporation from the following tradesmen, no tender being accepted for lead piping owing to the present high prices:—

Coal—Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Pates & Co., Wrathall & Co.

Kerb, Setts and Macadam—Left to Borough Surveyor to order from Schedules as required.

Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—D. Davies, Boshier & Co. (Sheffield). White Lead, Oil and Colours—Middleton Bros. (London).

Castings—Waller & Son (Stroud), Bird & Co. (London).

Stoneware Pipes—Powell, Gwinnell & Co.

Cement—Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers (1900) Ltd.

Electric Light Fittings—Veritys, Ltd. (London).

Forage—Ride & Co., Sewage Farms.

Brass and Rubber Fittings—Fishers, Ltd., Hayward, Tyler & Co. (London).

Timber—Pearce & Co., Smith Bros.

Ironmongery—Fisher & Sons, Ltd.

Lime, Bricks and Sand—Greaves, Bull & Lakin (Birmingham), Webb Bros., Powell Gwinnell & Co., G. Hickman, A. Tongue (Oldbury), M. Williams & Co., G. Bence & Sons, Ltd.

India Rubber, Hose Pipe, &c.—Thornton & Co., Bird & Co. (London).

Disinfectants—Burt, Boulton & Haywood (London), United Alkali Co. (Liverpool). Tools—

F. Bird & Co. (London).

Household Goods, &c.—Joyner & Son, J. Whittaker, Bird & Co. (London), J. Lance & Co., D. Davies, Blind Institution, A. N. Cole, Ley & Sons (Nottingham), E. L. Ward.

Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th February, 1907, at 3 p.m.—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

19—Reddings Road—Mr. Colchester Wemyss, Mr. G. B. Witts and Mr. E. T. Gardom (Clerk), representing the County Council, Mr. E. T. Latham, Mr. H. Weaver. Mr. G. McIlquham (Clerk), and Mr. Theyer (Surveyor), representing the Cheltenham Rural District Council, Mr. W. Bliss and Mr. W. Coopey (Clerk), for the Badgeworth Parish Council and Mr. C. Godwin, Mr. Bendy and others as residents in the neighbourhood of the Reddings Road, attended this meeting and the question of the repair of the road and its future maintenance was discussed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th February, 1907.—Present : Councillors Bendall, King-Hannan and Pilley (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new-Buildings, viz.—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
404	F. E. Jenkins	Ten Cottages in Fairhaven Street.
480	F. E. Jenkins	Eight Cottages in Fairfield Parade.
488	J. How ...	Alterations and additions to premises in High Street, corner of Cambray.
491	Gloucester Co-operative Society ..	New Van Shed and additions to Stables, Market Street.
496	G. A. Hawkins	Shed in Hewlett Street, corner of Albion Street.
497	F. E. Jenkins	Bakehouse at No. 20 Morley Terrace, Fairhaven Road.
498	S. H. Healing	Two detached houses, Hatherley Court Estate.
499	C. M. Haward	New Shop Front, W.C., &c., 426 High Street.
500	Mrs. Lawrence	New Shop Fronts No. 1 and 2 Edward Place, Shurdington Road
501	Queen's Hotel Co.	Portico over footpath opposite entrance to Hotel.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 404, 480, 491, 497, 498, 499 and 501 be approved, that Plans Nos. 496 be approved as a temporary building, and subject to the usual agreement, and that Plans Nos. 488 and 500 be not approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held al Friday, the 22nd February, 1907—Present : Councillors Bendall, King-Harman and Pilley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
488	J. How ...	Alterations and additions to premises corner of High Street and Cambray (amended plans)
502	H. E. Steel, Ltd.	Shed adjoining Workshop, High Street.
503	F. W. Strange	Detached house, Keynsham Road.
504	E. Adcock	Two semi-detached houses, College Road.
505	E. Adcock	Detached house, College Road.
506	T. W. Smith	New porch to house in Naunton Parade.
507	Mrs. Field	Addition to Greenfields, The Park.
500	Mrs. Lawrence	New shop fronts, 1 and 2 Edward Place, Shurdington Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 488, 503, 504, 505 and 507 be approved, that Plans Nos. 502 be approved as a temporary building only, and subject to the usual agreement, and that Plans Nos. 506 and 500 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st February, 1907.—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Expenditure—The Resolution of the Committee of the 11th January, 1907, approved by the Council was considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th February, 1907—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Packer, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Illustrated Guide—The Town Clerk reported that the stock of illustrated guides supplied free to applicants was nearly exhausted. Resolved, That tenders be obtained for the supply of 5,000 copies, and that the Committee be empowered to accept a tender, and that Councillor Packer be asked to revise the letterpress. Resolved, also, That in future the guides be only supplied on payment of postage.

2—Programme of Engagements, etc.—A suggestion made by the Mineral Waters Committee that the Corporation should issue each year for the information of visitors to the town a small booklet in addition to the illustrated guide, containing a brief summary of the attractions of the town, programme of engagements, railway time-table, and other information was considered. Resolved, That tenders be invited for 5,000 booklets similar to the sample now before the Committee.

3—Use of Montpellier Gardens by Athletic Society—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society asking for a reduction this year in the charge made for the use of the Montpellier Gardens by the Society on Easter Monday next. Resolved, That the charge this year be £15 instead of £20 as in previous years, and that the resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee of the 21st ult. be varied accordingly.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th February, 1907. Present: —Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the illuminating power of the gas on the 5th inst. with the following result :-16.7 candles.

2—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 12th. inst.. there were 910 consumers, with an equivalent of 60,591 eight candle

power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 858 and 56,799 respectively.

3—Cost of Production—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the net saving since December 4th last in the consumption of coal at the Works under the bonus scheme approved by the Committee in November amounted to £14, after allowing for £1 8s. paid by way of bonus. He recommended that the scheme be continued for the present. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Contract for Carbons—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Contract for Carbons expires on the 31st proximo, and he recommended that tenders be invited from certain firms named by him. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders accordingly.

5—Offices—The Town Clerk reported that he had arranged for the continuation of the tenancy of the offices in High Street to the 29th September next. The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for the alteration of the Manchester Street Sub-Station to provide office accommodation for the Borough Electrical Engineer and his stall. Resolved, That further consideration of the same be adjourned for the Committee to inspect the Sub-Station.

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6—Capital Expenditure—The Borough Electrical Engineer presented a Special Report made by him upon the capital expenditure of the Electricity Undertaking. Resolved, That the Report be referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and that the Chairman of this Committee and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to confer with the Finance Committee upon the matter.

7—Tenders for Coal—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement in local papers and the "Colliery Guardian," for the supply of coal for one year from the 31st May next, when the present contract expires.

8—Charges for Private Supply—Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Norman and Councillor Green be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the adoption of a scale of discounts on charges for private supply.

9—Charges for Traction—Mr. McCormick, Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, attended this Meeting with reference to the application of the Company for a reduction in the charges for electric traction. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Engineer to report thereon.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th February, 1907—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Marshall, and Merrett (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

10—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Education Committee were willing to take a supply of energy for lighting at the Naunton Park and Gloucester Road Schools, and that the cost of the necessary extensions of mains would be £168. Resolved, That the extensions be made and supply given on the Education Committee undertaking that the energy taken shall give a return of not less than 20 per cent., per annum, on the combined cost of the extensions.

11—Seale of Charges for Private Lighting—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting reported that after careful consideration they recommended that large consumers be offered the following alternative scale of charges:—

4000 to 5000 units per annum, a flat rate of 4d. per unit, less 5 per cent. discount on payment within 14 days.

Above 5000 and up to 7500 units per annum, a flat rate of 4d. per unit, less 7 ½ per cent. discount on payment within 14 days.

And above 7500 units per annum, a flat rate of 4d. per unit, less 10 per cent. discount on payment within 14 days.

All consumers wishing hereafter to be charged on the above scale to be required to give previous notice that they elect to be charged on this scale and to guarantee a minimum consumption of 4000 units.

Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted and that the resolution to Minute No. 7 of this Committee of the 28th February, 1906, be varied accordingly.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st February, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Davis, Green, Siargrett and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read ;

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 17th February, 1907.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	274,560 gallons	287,430 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	712,308 "	808,000 "
Leckhampton	30,240 "	not gauged.
Total	1,017,108 "	1,095,430 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	February 17th, 1907.		February 17th, 1906.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	---	244,708 gallons	---	22,466,046 gallons
Leckhampton	5ft. 0in.	675,385 "	10ft. 0in.	1,350,770 "
Dowdeswell	23ft. 6in.	59,108,778 "	31ft. 10in.	99,145,769 "
Total Storage		85,028,871 "		122,962,585 "

2—Land at Sandford—Read, applications from Mr. James Moore, of the Cleaning Works, Bath Road, and Mr. A. N. Cole, to become tenants of land at Sandford, the present tenants desiring to terminate their tenancies. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

3—Fire Hydrants at Charlton Kings—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council enclosing a report by the Captain of their fire brigade as to a number of fire hydrants in their district which needed attention. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had had the hydrants referred to inspected and caps replaced where necessary, the hydrants in many cases were covered up with road material. Resolved, That the Charlton Kings Urban District Council be informed that the repairs necessary have been executed, but that owing to the positions in which the hydrants were placed at the request of the Urban District Council they are liable to get covered up and should be cleared from time to time.

4—Appeals—The cases entered into the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th February, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—Hackney Carriage Stand—Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Bendall and M. Davis be appointed a Sub-Committee to settle the position of the Hackney Carriage Stand to be provided in or near Cambray as approved by the Council at its last meeting.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 10th inst. the Brigade was called to a slight outbreak of fire at No. 11 Royal Crescent. Damage about £5. Cause unknown. Brigade expenses, £3 4s. 0d. Buildings and contents insured. Also on the 16th inst. to a fire at No. 163 High Street. Damage £30. Cause unknown. Extinction expenses, £3 6s. 6d. Property insured.

Read, a letter from Mr. Lewis Lloyd, of No. 163 High Street, acknowledging the efficient services of the Brigade, and of the help rendered by the police at the fire on the 16th inst.

4—Site for War Memorial—Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Bendall and M. Davis be appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with the War Memorial Committee with the view to the selection of a site for the Memorial, and to report to this Committee.

5—Contributions to Local Hospitals and Other Public Institutions—The Town Clerk reported that the following institutions had heretofore been excused payment of the General District Rate, but the

excusal of these rates could no longer be continued, as the Collector would be liable to surcharge. Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, the following subscriptions be made to the institutions who have hitherto been excused payment of the General District Rate :—

	£	s.	d.
General Hospital and Branch Dispensary	24	12	0
Female Refuge	3	10	0
Female Orphan Asylum ...	4	4	0
Blind Asylum	4	4	0
Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society	4	4	0
Nazareth House	15	10	0
Coburg Society, Bath Street	4	0	0
Victoria Home for Nurses	7	0	0
Provident Dispensary ...	4	4	0
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital	5	10	0
Boys' Orphan Asylum ...	2	15	0
	£79	13	0

6—National Union of Teachers' Conference, 1903—Read, a letter from the Secretary Cheltenham Teachers' Association stating that they proposed to invite the National Union of Teachers to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham next year, and expressing the hope that the Town Council would endorse such invitation. Resolved, That this Committee cordially approve of the proposed invitation, and that the association be informed that the Council will endeavour in every way to make the Conference if held here a success.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on, Friday, the 15th February, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts ...	£488 10 9	Payments ...	£429 7 1
Rent of Shop	£ 36 0 0	Proportion of repayment	
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium, &c.	£31 8 9	of loans and interest ..	£444 4 2
Old Lead	<u>£1 17 4</u>		
	£557 16 10		£873 11 3

On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the offer of the Water Committee to transfer one of the boilers now at Tewkesbury to this Committee for £150 be accepted.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows :—

Receipts	331 2 10	Payments ...	£325 8 6
		Repayment of loans	
		and interest ...	<u>£279 9 0</u>
	£331 2 10		£604 17 6

2—Spa Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Stewart be appointed one of the representatives of this Committee on the Spa Committee.

3—Dietary Table--The Chairman reported that a Dietary Table had been prepared and settled by the Medical Committee, and the Spa Committee recommended that the same be printed for local hotel and boarding house proprietors and in a different form for the use of the Medical Profession.

The Spa Committee also suggested that some provision should be made for the musical entertainment of those attending at the Central Spa each morning. Resolved, That 250 copies in each form be printed, and that the further consideration of the suggestion as to music be adjourned.

4—Medical Baths—The Chairman presented the following report:—"Councillors Merrett and Stewart with Mr. Pickering, the Borough Surveyor, and myself, officially visited Bath on Wednesday, the 13th February, 1907, for the purpose of inspecting the Pump Room and Medical Bathing Establishment carried on by the City Corporation of Bath. We were conducted over the Pump Room and Bathing Establishments and the Roman Baths by Mr Oliver, the Chairman of the Bath Corporation Baths Committee, Mr. Wilson, the Manager, and Mr. Jones, the Superintendent of the Baths.

Bath has only one kind of Mineral Water, the Chalybeate. This is obtained from three springs all in the neighbourhood of the situation of the Pump Room, giving a yield of 500,000 gallons per 24 hours at a temperature of from 115 deg. F. to 120 deg. F. As regards the Medical Oaths there may be said to be about 100 baths with Dressing, Cooling, Reading and Smoking Rooms, built and furnished in a costly and handsome manner, the fittings and appointments being brought up-to-date, the walls and floors of the Baths and Dressing Rooms being either tiles or tessellated pavement.

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The chief feature of the Medical Baths of Bath are the Deep Immersion Baths, or as called at Bath the Deep Bath. Of these there are a great number of both 1st and 2nd class. All of these are fitted with a Douche apparatus and some are also fitted with a hanging chair from the centre of the Bath for the lowering of invalids, and others again are fitted with Needle Baths. The quantity of water used in these Baths varies from 750 to 900 gallons according to the size of the Bath and the water is the Chalybeate Mineral Water introduced into the bath through pipes direct from the Springs in its natural boated state, and is taken in the bath itself at a temperature of about 100 deg. F. The tariff for the 1st Class is 2s 6d, and the 2nd Class 1s 9d.

The system of the Aix Douche Bath would seem to be complete. There are a number of these Baths of both 1st and 2nd Class some larger than others and fitted with a Massage Table, Douche and Needle Spray. Tiles are used to cover the walls and roof, and in some cases for the floor, while others are of

tessellated pavement. The Douche is supplied with a hot and cold supply of the Chalybeate Water, the two pipes being brought together in a metal bulb called the mixer to which is attached a thermometer, giving the exact temperature of the mixed hot and cold water.

Besides these Baths there are also a number of Reclining Baths which are very similar to the Slipper Baths, but considerably shallower, and so arranged that a constant stream of the naturally heated mineral water passes through the bath whilst the bath is in progress. Each of these Baths are also fitted with the combined hot and cold Douche apparatus. There is a Nauheim Bath and a plant has been set up for the purpose of producing the carbonic acid gas at the necessary pressure, in addition or as an alternative the Sandow Tablets are used. There is also a number of Vapour Baths of both 1st and 2nd Class, some being for the entire envelopment of the body, and others again only for local application. In addition to this there is an Electric Bath and also a Homage Room this last fitted with a series of basins each having a special designed appliance called Spray Atomisers for spraying the eye, ears, throat and nose, and lastly there is a system of Electric Hot Air Baths, the Greville system being used. There are also large Swimming Baths of both 1st and 2nd Class, besides the old Roman Kings and Queens' Baths of historic fame and interest.

The Laundry was also inspected as also was the bottling plant of the Solis Water. This last is the natural Chalybeate Water of Bath highly aerated by a saturation of carbonic acid gas. The manufacture is carried on by the firm of Messrs. Cater, Stoffell & Fortt, Ltd., as the sole lessees under the Bath Corporation. The Natural Thermal Chalybeate Water is the only water used throughout for all purposes including the Swimming Baths.

It can, I think, be taken at once that there can be no sort of possibility of Cheltenham in any way competing with or attempting to rival Bath, the chief reasons being as follows:—Firstly, Bath has only a Chalybeate Water, whereas Cheltenham supplies Sodium, Magnesia, Alkaline and Saline Waters. Secondly, Bath has practically an inexhaustible and almost an overwhelming supply, some 500,000 gallons per every 24 hours, whereas the Mineral Waters of Cheltenham are limited as regards the daily yield. Thirdly, the Chalybeate Water of Bath issues from the Wells at the temperature varying from 115 deg. F. to 120 deg. F., a temperature almost too hot for bathing, whereas the Waters of Cheltenham are cold, the result is that Bath is singularly fortunately situated, having an unlimited supply of very hot water and thereby one of the great sources of expense, namely that of heating, is saved the Corporation.

As the outcome of this visit to Bath, the following questions suggest themselves for serious consideration by the Committee:—

- (1) Whether one of the Cheltenham Mineral Waters or the ordinary Corporation Water shall be used in the proposed Aix Douche Bath.
- (2) The method whereby the water for the Aix Douche Bath shall be heated.
- (3) Whether the existing Immersion Bath shall be retained or altered into a Brine Bath as proposed, and if retained whether it shall be fitted with a Douche apparatus, and a suspended chair.
- (4) Whether one of the special slipper baths shall be adapted as an Electric Bath, and the necessary electric battery and fittings supplied.

(5) The establishment of the Greville system of Electric Hot Air Bath and the purchasing of the necessary apparatus therefor.

(6) The increase in the staff of trained attendants.

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(7) The aeration and bottling of No. 2 Pittville Water and herein the Committee is referred to the report by the Borough Surveyor on the Pittville Mineral Water in October, 1904, and more particularly to the note therein of the Medical Officer of Health. In conclusion, it would be ungracious to close this report without expressing the sense of warm appreciation to Mr. Oliver, the ex-Mayor of Bath and Chairman of the Bath Corporation Baths Committee, to Mr. Wilson, the Manager, and to Mr. Jones, the Superintendent, for their great courtesy and kindness, and also for the pains and trouble which they took in conducting us over and explaining to us the several uses of the various Medical Baths, and on behalf of my colleagues I beg to tender to these gentlemen our united warm thanks."

HERBERT STROUD, 15th February, 1907.

Chairman of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee.

Read, a report from the Borough Surveyor as to the method of heating which should be adopted in connection with the provision of the proposed Medical Baths. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th February, 1907—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker., Bendall, Merrett, Pilley, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

5—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read, application from the Aston Rangers Cricket Club for permission to play cricket at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground during the coming season. Also applications from the Gas Green, Clarence United, Bennington United, Salem, Police, St. Paul's, Original Brewery and Corporation Employees Cricket Clubs to play cricket during the coming season at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

Resolved, That permission be given to Gas Green, Clarence United, Bennington United, Salem, St. Paul's and Corporation Employees Cricket Clubs to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground subject to the secretaries of the clubs arranging their list of matches so that not more than three clubs will require to use the ground each Saturday.

Resolved, also, That permission be given to the Original Brewery Cricket Club to play on the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, and to the Aston Rangers and Police Cricket Clubs to play on the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground.

Resolved, also, That cricket practice be only allowed at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on the new portion of the ground, and that the old ground be reserved for matches.

Resolved, also, That the Superintendent of each of the grounds be authorised to stop play on any occasion on which he may consider the ground unfit for play, and it be also left to the Superintendent to allot the particular pitch to be used by each club. All game requisites to be provided by the clubs.

6—School Children—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee applying for permission for the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for organized games by St. Peter's Boys', Parish Church Boys, and Practising Boys' Schools, from 3 to 4, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, in each week, one day for each School. Also read, a letter from Mr. C. E. F. Nash, applying on behalf of the All Saints' Boy's and Girls' Schools for similar permission to use the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Resolved, That permission be given.

7—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor further reported as to the method of heating to be adopted for the Medical Baths at Montpellier. Resolved, That the scheme now recommended be approved and adopted and the work put in hand forthwith.

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Designs and estimates received for the screen to be placed across the vestibule hall at the Baths were considered. Resolved, That the design submitted by Cavendish House Co., at a cost of £17 5s., be approved and adopted.

8--Supply of Towels and Bathing Drawers—The tenders received for the supply of towels and bathing drawers for the year 1907-8, for the baths were considered. Resolved, That the tender, of Messrs. John Lance & Co., for towels at 10S 9d per doz., and of Mr. A. N. Cole for bathing drawers at 48s to 57s per gross be accepted.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd February, 1907. Present —Aldermen Haddon, Councillors Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that a number of men for a few weeks could be employed at the Cemetery in levelling a portion of the ground. Resolved, That the Distress Committee be informed that such employment can be provided for 6 men for about a month, and that this Committee will contribute towards the cost of such work.

2—Cemetery Fees and Charges—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had now formally approved the Table of Fees, and a copy of the scale would be sent to the local undertakers and sculptors.

3—Land adjoining Cemetery--With reference to complaints from the tenants of the land adjoining the Cemetery as to the condition of the fences and gates, Resolved, That the Committee visit the Cemetery on Wednesday next to inspect.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved: headstone to grave of Charlotte Mary Piers ; Kerbing to graves of Lizzie Robbins and Albert and Angelina Stroud.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th February, 1907 —Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, and Pilley (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

5—Inspection of Cemetery—The Committee inspected the Cemetery and found same in good order. Resolved. That two elm trees be cut down.

6—Land Adjoining Cemetery—Fence - -Resolved, That the fence of the land adjoining the Cemetery in the occupation of Mr. E. Minett be repaired where necessary if the Town Clerk is satisfied that this should be done by the Corporation.

Gate—Resolved, That an application from Mr. C. Webb for a new gate to be fixed on the land occupied by him be acceded to.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th February, 1907. Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies and Marshall, The Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 703 visits made to the Art Gallery since the 16th ult. Considerable progress had been made in the arrangement of objects in the Museum, and Mr. Richardson had nearly completed the classification and arrangement of the Pierson Collection of Fossils (see report below). Mr. Rushton had offered to lend for exhibition his recently painted portrait of Miss Beale, and the Baron de Ferrieres had presented 4 pedestal stands for busts. Resolved, That Mr. Rushton's offer be accepted, and that the Baron de Ferrieres be thanked for his kind gift.

2—Presentation of Picture—Read, a letter from Miss Andrews stating that as desired by the late Miss Beale she was sending an oil painting of flowers for acceptance, by the Council. Resolved, That the Council gratefully accept the picture and that the same be placed in the Art Gallery.

3—Pierson Geological Collection—Mr. L. Richardson, F.G.S., reported that he had examined the Pierson Geological Collection, and found it to be a very good general collection, which contained a number of valuable specimens. When displayed, it would form the nucleus of a really admirable geological collection, and would be of great utility to students of Natural History in the town as well as to the increasing number who visited Cheltenham annually for the purpose of studying geology.

JAS B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th February, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, King-Harman, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley and Stewart, Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. J. Evans, Messrs. A. Mann and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. There had been a decrease in the issues from the Reference and the Lending Libraries of 158 and 1,024 respectively, as compared with the corresponding month last year. Receipts, £5 9s. 11d. Presentations :—Mrs. Ferguson (Altidore Villa) 777 vols., Baron de Ferrieres 2 vols., University Tutorial Press 1 vol., Librarian, Aberdeen University 1 vol.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 21st ult. (Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, King-Harman, Marshall and Merrett, Rev. J. Evans and Mr. C. Hayward), and considered the nine tenders received for the decoration, &c., of the School of Science Rooms. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey of £55 10s. 0d. be accepted, that being the lowest tender. The Sub-Committee also met on the 8th inst. (Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett and Pilley and the Rev. J. Evans). They recommended that the offers made by the publishers of the " Staffordshire Sentinel" and " Electrical Engineering " to supply those periodicals on payment by the Committee of the postage be not accepted, and that the offer of Ratzel's History of Mankind at a reduced price be not accepted. Resolved, That the action and recommendations of the Committee be approved and adopted.

RICHARD ROGERS, chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th February, 1907—Present Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of the 2nd. instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £21,359 2s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £3,419 2s. 11d. The list of persons excused payment of the General District Rate on account of poverty was submitted and approved.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £10,585 19s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £1,742 5s. 3d.

3—Electricity Capital Accounts—Councillor Ley Wood, Chairman of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, and the Borough Electrical Engineer attended this meeting with reference to a report made by the latter as to the electricity capital accounts. The matter having been discussed, Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to report upon the same, and that in the meantime the further consideration be adjourned.

4—Corporation Stock Audit—The Borough Accountant reported that on the 21st and 22nd inst. he audited the Corporation Stock Accounts at the National Provincial Bank, London, and made the necessary return to the Inland Revenue Authorities as to stamp duty.

5—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 29th January, 1907	£ 9,781 8 3
Received since that date (including Loan £2950)	<u>£22,053 9 5</u>
	£31,834 17 8
Paid since that date (including £2,900 Loans and Investment of £2,700 Sinking Funds)	<u>£13,733 5 10</u>
	£18,101 11 10
Being General Accounts	£18,043 0 6
Sinking Funds	<u>£58 11 4</u>
	£18,101 11 10

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th March, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LEY WOOD, CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD. HENRY WAGHORNE

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 4th February last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Use of Winter Garden—On the application of the Distress Committee, Resolved, That the free use of the Winter Garden be granted to the Salvation Army for one evening when the building is not otherwise engaged for a cinematograph exhibition in aid of the funds of the Distress Committee.

3--Appointment of Overseers Resolved, That William Alfred Baker, of No. 60, Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham, Gentleman; Charles Hall, of Hillsborough, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham, Gentleman; Robert Steel, of No. 1, Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham, Gentleman ; and Edward Henry Parsonage, of Western Villa, Cheltenham, Gentleman, be appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the ensuing year and that the Common Seal be affixed to such appointment.

4--Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th, 18th and 27th February last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. for constructing the Hatherley Outfall Sewer of concrete tubes at a cost of £5,797 3s. 3d. be accepted, subject to the terms of a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk and to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the use of concrete tubes.

6—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th February last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Street and Highway Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 25th February last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Town Improvement Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th February last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz .—That the 2nd Resolution to Minute No. 1 (Illustrated Guide) be not approved.

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9—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 28th February last be approved and confirmed.

10—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 21st February last, be approved and confirmed.

11—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th February last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Art Gallery and Museum Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th February last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee Resolved. That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 27th February last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Burial Board Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 22nd and 27th February last, be approved and confirmed.

15—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th February last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

16--Corporation Contracts—Councillor Merrett was not present to move the resolution on this subject of which he had given notice.

17-Borough Wards and Boundaries—The motion by Councillor Green on this subject was not carried.

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18—Education (Provision of Meals) Act, 1906—On the motion of Councillor Packer, of which due notice had been given, It was Resolved, That the question of the desirability of adopting the Education (Provision of Meals) Act, 1906, in Cheltenham, be referred to the Public Health Committee with a request that they shall obtain information from Elementary School Teachers and others having intimate acquaintance with the condition of school children, and shall, in bringing up their recommendation, report the substance of such information to the Council.

19--Notices of Motion -The following notices of motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council were given :—

By Councillor Waghorne: That the resolution of the Council, passed at the Meeting held on the 4th March, 1907, accepting the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., for the construction of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer with concrete tubes be rescinded and that fresh tenders for the work be invited by advertisement.

By Councillor King-Harman: That it is necessary for the good of the Town, that a settled, definite and continuous policy be adopted regarding the planting, removing and general care of the trees and ornamental shrubs belonging to the Borough of Cheltenham, and that professional advice be obtained, if considered necessary, to advise how that policy could be best carried out.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd April, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th March, 1907.—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Pilley and Stewart (Councillor M. Davis in the chair.)

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas, and 2 cases of Diphtheria ; that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 63 Upper Norwood Street, 37, Bloomsbury Street, 16, Bath Terrace, 5, Sherborne Place, and 24, Hanover Street. — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 49 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 29, Dunalley Parade, 3 and 4 Bloomsbury Street, 24, 60 and 61 Sun Street, 27, Cleaveland Street, & 20, and 21, Queen Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1873, stating that the drains, Sze., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4—Insanitary Property — Nos. :24, 37, 44, 47, 63 and 63, Upper Norwood Street. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5---Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 29, 45, 46, 47, 48, 24, and 32, and Hazlecroft, 29, Upper Norwood Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that two pork pigs killed at the Abattoir on the 8th inst. were found to be very badly affected with tuberculosis, and were surrendered by the owner and destroyed (weight 196 lbs.).

7--Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. :---Nos. 6, 10, 13, 18, and 20, Imperial Square be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

8—Common Lodging House —Read, an application from Mr. Joseph Dix to be registered as keeper of a Common Lodging house at Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street, in the place of Mrs. Stroud, now deceased, and enclosing letters as to his character. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

9 —Education (Provision of Meals) Act, 1906—The Resolution passed by the Town Council at the last meeting referring to this Committee for consideration the question of the desirability of adopting the Education (Provision of Meals) Act, 1906, and to obtain information from elementary school teachers and others was considered. Resolved, That this Committee is of opinion that the matter should be referred to the Education Committee for consideration, and recommend that this course be adopted, and that the resolution of the Council of the 4th March, 1907, above referred to, be varied accordingly.

10—Demolition Order—Nos. 17 and 18 White Hart Street.—The Resolution of this Committee of the 14th January last approved by the Council that it is expedient to order the demolition of the above houses was further considered. The Town Clerk reported that due notice had been given to the owners, and they raised no objection to the order. Resolved, That an order for the demolition of the houses Nos. 17 and 18, White Hart Street be made by the Council, and served upon the owners of the premises.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on, Monday, the 18th March, 1907—Present : Councillors M. Davis, Pilley, and Stewart (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

11—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 1 case of Diphtheria had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, which had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, this being the only Corporation case there.

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2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 5, 6 and 31, St. Philip's Street, 6, Rodney Place, & 6 and 7, Hanover Street. --- The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

13—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 8, 9, and 10, Victoria Street, St. Paul's, Rockville, Bath Terrace, and 286, mph Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

14--Insanitary Property—Nos. 7, and 24, Hanover Street, 16, Bath Terrace, 38 and 39, Upper Norwood Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a

state, as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. 5, 6, 7, and 16, St. Philip's Street be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

16—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 9, 12, 25, 27, and 30 St. Philip's Street, 2, Gordon Terrace, Sherborne Street, Windsor Lodge, Prestbury Road, & 2 Gloucester Place, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

17—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from defective yard paving, etc., and the provision of proper ash receptacles, which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

18—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 13th inst. a cow, which was being conveyed through the town by the Midland Railway, was found on arrival at Cheltenham to be injured, and removed to the Abattoir, slaughtered, and destroyed, as owing to extensive bruises and injuries it was totally unfit for human food (weight 508 lbs.). On the 15th inst., 224 lbs. of cod fish delivered in the town in an unsound condition was surrendered and destroyed. On the 16th inst. portions of a cow and the offal (weight 456 lbs.) were surrendered and destroyed as being affected with tuberculosis.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday the 15th March, 1907-Present: Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Margrett and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. One calf had been purchased for £1 1s. 0d., and the following sales had been made during the month, viz 5 head of cattle for £81 2s.0d., and 18 sheep for £41 17s. 3d. (Total sales £122. 12s. 3d.) A heifer had died owing to diseased heart, and 2 calves had been bred on the farms during the month. The number of livestock on the 15th instant was 11 horses and 1 colt, 93 head of cattle. 12 sheep and 25 pigs. all doing very well. 41 sacks of oats had been threshed out at Hayden, and wheat and black oats had been planted at Hayden and Barn Farms. 4 tons, 9 cwts. 3 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot.

Miscellaneous receipts, 19s 6d. He recommended that, 1,100 4-inch land drain pipes, 150 posts and 100 stakes for fencing repairs, and 150 yards of rope for cleaning the sewers on the farms he purchased, and that further purchases of cattle and sheep be made as opportunity arose, Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Annual Stocktaking and Valuation--Resolved. That the Committee visit the Farms on the 20th inst. for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th March, 1907—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Gridley(Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Mr. Frank Thornton applying for permission to fix 3 gas lamps outside No. 340 High Street. Resolved. That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

The Street Inspector reported that a projecting sign had been fixed by Messrs. J. M. Smith & Sons outside their premises in Leighton Road. Resolved. That notice be given requiring the removal of the same, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to take proceedings if the notice is not complied with.

2—Advertisement Hoarding in Leckhampton Road—Read, a letter from Councillor Green stating that he had received many complaints from residents in Leckhampton Road as to a hoarding erected by the G.W.R. Co. on their property there, and asking that an attempt should be made to get the Company to remove the hoarding. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Company informing them of the complaints received, and asking that the hoarding may be removed.

3—No. 5 Ambrose Street—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. H. Sims had not signed the agreement for tenancy, although repeated applications had been made to him to do so.

He also reported that the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee were willing to take the house for the Brigade horse driver at a rent of £16, exclusive of rate. Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Sims to terminate his tenancy of No. 5 Ambrose Street on the 24th June next, and that from that date the premises be let to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee on the terms above mentioned.

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4—Sandford Mill Road—Read, a Memorial from owners of property in Sandford Mill Road, asking the Council to declare the road to be a highway. Resolved, That the application be further considered when all the expenses recently apportioned have been paid

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th March, 1907—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall and Gridley. (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 22nd February to the 21st March, 1907 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Lansdown Road (9,000 sup. yards), Hatherley Road (6,040 sup. yards), Sherborne Place (966 sup. yards), Douro Road (3,229 sup. yards), Brunswick Street (1,638 sup. yards), Christ Church Road (1,533 sup. yards), Gloucester Road (1,545 sup. yards), Duke Street (2,176 sup. yards), Hewlett Road (742 sup. yards).

Roads patched—Oriel Road and Promenade.

Footpaths gravelled—Side of River Chelt (120 sup. yards), Old Bath Road (portion) (480 sup. yards), Hatherley Road (2,000 sup. yards), Minnow Ditch (471 sup. yards), Suffolk Lawn (65 sup. yards).

Footpath Paving relaid—Tivoli Road (266 sup. yards).

Footpath Paving repaired—Elmstone Street, Queen Street, Albion Street, and Portland Street.

New Slab Paving Mid—High Street (467 sup. yards), Malvern Road (62 sup. yards).

Channel repaired—Sherborne Place, Gloucester Place, and High Street.

New Channel fixed—Naunton Lane (140 lin. yards), Gloucester Road (83 lin. yards).

Kerb fixed—Malvern Road (9 lin. yards), Naunton Lane (140 lin. yards), High Street (54 lin. yards), Gloucester Road (83 lin. yards).

Kerb re-fixed—Suffolk Lawn (25 lin. yards), Tivoli Road (60 lin. yards), High Street (30 lin. yards).

Crossings renewed—6. Crossings repaired-3. Gateway Crossings renewed-3- Crossings backed up-10. New Gateway Crossing-1. Water Cart Stands renewed---2. New Gullies fixed-3. Gullies repaired-4. Asphalt Footpaths repaired—Cleveland Street, Swindon Road, and Queen's Road. Turf Verges laid—Lansdown Road (2,703 sup. yards), Old Bath Road (845 sup. yards). Manholes paved round-3. Sewer Trenches repaired—Swindon Road, Hewlett Street, and Royal Parade. Electric Light Trenches repaired-3 in Gloucester Road and 1 in Thirlestaine Road. Gas Trenches repaired-3 in Montpellier Walk, 1 in Albion Street, and 1 in Moorend Road. Water Boxes paved round-7. Trees pruned-13, Royal Crescent, Willoughby House, Suffolk Square. Trees planted—London Road 2, Evesham Road 1, Promenade 1, College Road 1, Orrisdale Terrace 2. Barrett's Mill—Tool-house built.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 21st March, 1907, 1,088 loads collected, 743 consumed, and 345 tipped away. Weight consumed, 766 tons 7 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 14th March, 1907, 1,118 square yards of slabs made.

6—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall and Gridley.

7—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 12th and 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

8—Trees in Promenade—Read, a letter from Col. Cooch, of Cambridge Villas, Promenade, asking that the trees opposite his house should be thinned, Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

9—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub Committee reported that they met, on the 28th. instant. Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall and King-Harman. After inspection, they recommended that trees in the following streets should be removed :—High Street (1), College Ittia,1 (1; Orrisdale Terrace (3), Montpellier Terrace (1), Argyle Place (2), Lansdown Road (1), Queen's Road (1), Parabola Road (1). Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

10—Post Office Lane, and Footpath at Back of Marlborough House, Loreburn and Beechwood. Montpellier—The Borough Surveyor submitted specifications, plans, &c., of the Works required to be done to the above Streets. Resolved, That the sane be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 44 of The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Streets, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, or channelled ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

11—Carts for Refuse Collection—The Borough Surveyor submitted a design of an ash cart in use in another town, which was only half the weight of. those used here, and was of greater capacity. Resolved. That tenders be invited by advertisement from Ideal coach-builders for the supply of two carts in accordance with the design, and that provision be made in the next estimates for the cost of the same.

12- -Borough Surveyor's Department--The Borough Surveyor requested the permission of the Council to his taking Mr. L. W. Nott as an articled pupil. Mr. Nott had been six weeks in the office on trial, and was satisfactory. Resolved, That permission be granted.

13--Porch in Naunton Parade—The Town Council reported that notice had been given to Mr. T. W. Smith to show cause why the porch erected by him in Naunton Parade should not be removed, and that the matter would again be considered at this Meeting, when he could attend before the Committee. Resolved. That Mr. Smith be required to remove the porch, and that in default the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do so, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred.

14—Crossing in Hewlett Road—Read, a letter from Mr. W. H. Parker, asking that a crossing should be constructed across the road from " The Cleeve," Hewlett Reid, to Pittville Circus Road. Resolved. That the Committee consider a crossing unnecessary in the position mentioned.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th March 1907. Present Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
500	Mrs. Lawrence	New Shop fronts to Nos. 1 and 2 Edward Place.
508	J. Barrett	Two Semi-detached Villas, Charlton Lane.
509	W. H. Smith & Son	Additions to No. 19 Promenade Villas.

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510	C. W. Spackman	Additions to 16, Windsor Street.
511	Col. Vaughan	Additions to Orchard Priors, Battledown Approach.
512	S. H. Lawrence	Bath room and W.C., Keynshambury, High Street.
513	Scudamore Bros.	New Shop front, Bath Road (corner of Francis Street).
514	W. Vale	Additions to "The Jessamines," Church Road, St. Mark's.

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd March, 1907—Present : Councillor Bendall (Chairman).

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
515	Mrs. Clare	Workshop at rear of 19, Winchcombe Street,
516	Dicks & Sons, Ltd.	New Shop Front, No. 1 Gt. Norwood Street.
517	Messrs. Flower & Sons	Rolling way and Hayward's lights at Rose and Crown Inn, Rose and Crown Passage.

Resolved, That Plan Nos. 515 be disapproved, that Plan No. 516 be approved, and that Plan Nos. 517 be approved subject to the usual agreement of indemnity.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st February, 1907.—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—The Committee discussed the future conduct of the Committee, and certain returns and reports were asked for.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 1st March, 1907—Present :—Councillors Baker, Green, Margrett, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Green in the Chair).

2—The Borough Surveyor attended, and the clerical staff of the Borough Surveyor's office and its duties were discussed.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 8th March, 1907—Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Margrett, Marshall, and Stroud (Councillor Green in the chair).

3—A Report from the Borough Surveyor was read and discussed, and resolutions passed thereon. A Report from the Borough Surveyor on the Slab Factory was read. Resolved, To view the Slab Factory on Wednesday next. The Borough Accountant's statement of salaries was received and discussed.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th March, 1907, at the Slab Factory. Present: Councillors Bendall, Green, Margrett, and Marshall (Councillor Green in the chair).

4—The Committee visited and inspected the Slab Factory and Stock there. The Borough Surveyor attended.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th March, 1907. Present :—Councillors Green, Margrett, Marshall, and Merrett (Councillor Green in the Chair).

5—A Return from the Borough Accountant was received and discussed. Further Returns and a Report from the Borough Surveyor were asked for.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st March, 1907. Present :—Councillors Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

6—The Borough Accountant attended, and a long discussion on accounts and the keeping thereof ensued.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th March, 1907—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported the engagements they had made for the summer concerts, which would commence on Whit Monday next, the 20th May.

They had arranged for an evening concert by the Municipal Orchestra in the Town Hall on Good Friday next (admission 6d), and they recommended that applications for the free use of the Town Hall on the afternoons of the 4th and 6th prof. for benefit concerts for Mr. Teague and the Orchestra respectively be granted subject to the approval of the General Purposes Committee and the Council. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Illustrated Guide - The tenders received for the supply of 5,000 copies of a small illustrated guide to the Town were considered. Resolved, That the tender of the " Looker-On" at £7 10s. 0d. be accepted.

3—Programme of Engagements, &c.—The tenders received for the supply of 5,000 copies of a booklet giving a brief summary of the town engagements, time-tables, &c., for the year were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Horace Edwards at £4 15s. 0d. be accepted, and that the Chairman, Councillors Packer and Stroud be appointed a Sub-Committee to settle the letter-press.

4—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. Cheltenham Bowling Club applying for the use of the Bowling Green at the Winter Garden on the same terms and conditions as last year. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of labour, etc., for keeping the green in order was about £25 per annum, but if the green had not to be maintained for bowling, he thought that nearly the whole of one man's time could be dispensed with and a saving effected of £40. He recommended that the Club should pay a rent for the use of the green, and keep it in order themselves.

Resolved, That the green be let to the Club for next season on the following terms:-

- (1) The Club to pay a rent of £10, and to keep the green in good order until the commencement of the following season.
- (2) The Council to provide a room for the storage of the woods.
- (3) The Council to have the right to use or grant the use of the green whenever they shall require for any other purpose at any time on giving reasonable notice to the Club.
- (4) That the Club shall not erect or permit the erection temporarily or otherwise of any tent or other structure.

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5—Gifts of Plants—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Hall had presented to Montpellier Gardens about 200 herbaceous plants, and Sir W. Thiselton Dyer had also presented a number of

herbaceous plants for Pittville Park. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donors for their kindness.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th March, 1907. Present—Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Steel in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the illuminating power of the gas on the 13th inst. with the following result :-18.5 candles.

2—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 12th inst. there were 910 consumers, with an equivalent of 60,673 eight candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 360 and 57,982 respectively.

3—Tenders for Carbons —The 6 tenders received for the supply of carbons were opened. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

4—Electric Supply to New Club—Read, a letter from Col. Cunliffe Martin, C.B., Chairman of the Committee of the New Club, stating that the Committee desired to dissociate themselves entirely from the letter of Mr. Bruce Pryce, published in the Echo " on the 28th February last. Mr. Bruce Pryce was not a Member of the Committee, and had no authority to represent it.

ROBERT STEEL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, the 23rd March, 1907. Present :—Councillors Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

5—Tenders for Additional Plant—The tenders, 25 in number, received for the supply of the additional plant required, were opened. Resolved. That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for examination and report.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th March, 1907--Present: Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

6—Offices—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for alterations and additions to the Manchester Street Sub-Station so as to provide office accommodation for the Borough Electrical Engineer and Stall there. The cost was estimated at about £400. Resolved, That the plan be approved, and that tenders be invited by advertisement for the work.

7—Additions to Plant The Borough Electrical Engineer reported on the tenders received for the additional plant required. On the of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. C. A. Parsons & Co. for the supplying and fixing of a 1,000 Kilowatt Turbo-Generator, and accessories, for the sum of £4,780 be accepted subject to their agreeing to reduce the margin of the guarantee of steam consumption to 2 ½ per cent.

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. Winans & Robinson for supplying and erecting Condensing Plant for the sum of £1,322 5s. 0d. be accepted.

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. Edward Le Bas & Co. for supplying and erecting steam, exhaust, condensing, etc., pipes and valves, etc., for the sum of £303 be accepted, the acceptance in each case being subject to the terms of contracts to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had fixed Tuesday, the 9th April, at 10.30 a.m., at the Town Hall, for the Local Inquiry into the application for this loan for these additions.

8—Tenders for Carbons—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported upon the tenders received for the supply of carbons for the year ending the 31st May, 1908. Resolved, That the tender of the Sloan Carbon Company at £1 10s. 6d. per 1,000 be accepted.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st March, 1907—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Davis, Green, Margrett and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 19th March, 1907.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	195,080 gallons	29,413 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	592,000 "	833,000 "
Leckhampton	28,080 "	not gauged.
Total	815,160 "	1,062,413 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	March 19th, 1907.		March 19th, 1906.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	---	24,072,805 gallons	---	21,681,137 gallons
Leckhampton	4ft. 6in.	607,845 "	10ft. 8in.	1,440,818 "
Dowdeswell	21ft. 0in.	48,673,892 "	31ft. 11in.	99,584,731 "
Total Storage		74,254,542		122,706,686 "

Pumping had been resumed at Tewkesbury.

2—Extension of Mains—Read, an application from Messrs. C. H. Reason and G. Loveday for an extension of water main for about 600 yards at Swindon to supply six houses. The cost would be about £143, and the applicants were willing to guarantee an annual return of 10 per cent. on the cost. Resolved, That the extension be made on the applicants entering into an agreement guaranteeing payment of 10 per cent. on the cost.

The Borough Engineer reported that an application had been received for an extension of main for a distance of 50 yards at a cost of about £13 to supply a house, formerly part of Glenlee, Bayshill. It was intended to build on the land adjoining. Resolved, That the extension be made, on the owners of the house agreeing to pay caretaker's rate until the house is tenanted.

3--Tenders for Cast Iron Pipes—The Borough Engineer submitted the tenders received for the supply of cast iron pipes for the year ending the 31st March, 1908. Resolved, That the tender of the Staveley Iron Company be accepted, (being the lowest tender).

4—Tenders for Coal —The tenders received for the supply of coal- were considered. Resolved, That tenders be again invited in June next, and that the Borough Engineer be authorised to make the best arrangements possible for supply of the coal required in the meantime.

5—Tenders for New Pumping Machinery- The tenders received for the supply of the new pumping machinery required at Tewkesbury were laid before the Committee. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Engineer for consideration, and report to a meeting of the Committee to be held on Wednesday next.

6—Hone v. Corporation—The Town Clerk reported that this action would probably come on for hearing at an early date. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to brief a leading Counsel to appear for the Corporation.

7--Appeals—The cases entered into the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th March, 1907—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker. M. Davis, Green, Margrett, Stroud, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

8---Tewkesbury Pumping Station—New Engines—The Borough Engineer made a report on the tenders obtained for new pumps required at the Tewkesbury Pumping Station. The tender of Messrs. Summers & Scott, amounting to £3,750, was the lowest tender for a vertical engine. Messrs. J. S. Simpson & Co., of London, submitted a tender for supplying a Worthington horizontal engine for the sum of £2,396. The Report of the Borough Engineer showed that the Vertical Engine effects an economy in fuel of £171 on six months' continuous working as compared with the Worthington engine, but after allowing for interest on the extra cost of the Vertical pump engine, this saving WSS reduced to PM. Resolved, That having regard to the fact that only intermittent pumping is required at Tewkesbury the tender of Messrs. Simpson be accepted for the supply of a Worthington horizontal

engine at a cost of £2,396, subject to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk, and also to their undertaking to supply the engine within 4 months.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th March, 1907—Present : Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis and Ley Wood (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported an outbreak of swine fever on Holliday's allotments, Leckhampton. Eleven pigs had been attacked with the disease; two died, and the remainder were slaughtered by direction of the Board of Agriculture. The necessary notices had been served on the pig owners in the neighbourhood.

Sheep Dipping Order. Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture stating that in view of the experience of the past 2 years of the operation of Sheep Dipping Orders, the Board had come to the conclusion that the time had arrived when it would be for the general advantage that the periodic dipping of sheep should be made compulsory throughout Great Britain, and they had made an order providing for the annual dipping of sheep within that part of England not already subject to compulsory dipping requirements, as the district of the Borough of Cheltenham was included in the area to which the new Order applied, and the latter differed from the Regulations made by the Borough, the Board were of opinion that the issue of any regulations by the Local Authorities under the Gloucester-shire Order should be suspended during the period prescribed for dipping by the new Order.

The Town Clerk reported that the County Council had, in view of the provisions of the new order, revoked the Sheep Dipping Regulations made by them under the Gloucestershire Order.

Resolved, That the regulations made by this Committee on the 20th February, 1906, be revoked. and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give public notice of such revocation, and of the provisions of the Sheep Dipping (England) Order of 1907.

Resolved, also, That the Police be authorised and appointed to receive notices, returns and declarations under the Order.

2—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Thomas Watts, of 8, All Saints' Road, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Hackney Carriage Stands—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting recommended that stands, each for one hackney carriage, should be placed in the following positions in Cambray in the centre of the road at the end of Bath Street ; one in Rodney Road, near the High Street, at the side of the Capital and Counties Bank ; and one in Rodney Road, in front of Tavistock Place Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 3rd inst. the Brigade was called to a fire at "Beaumont," Shurdington Road, caused by a defective chimney. Damage £5. Expenses of extinction, £3 8s. Property insured.

On the 4th and 5th inst, the Brigade was summoned to assist in extinguishing timber and fires at Gloucester, Expenses £23 7s. and £23 17s. respectively.

5—Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Fire Station on the 9th inst. (Present Aldermen Norman and Rogers. and Councillors Baker and M. Davis.) Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman. Resolved, (1) That arrangements be made for taking No. 5, Ambrose Street, for occupation by F. Cross, the Fire Engine Driver, and that he be allowed to have the house rent free, his wages being reduced to 16s. a week. (2) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the following provided at the Fire Station :—Hose Rack and Helmet Rail, Plain Clothes Rail, Two Door Mats, Deal Table with Draw Lock, Notice Board, Door Bell on Centre of Side Door. (3) That the tender of Messrs. H. Salisbury & Son for supplying Uniform for the Fire Engine Driver for £1 4s. be accepted. (4) That the use of the horses for practice be limited to twelve times a year, and that a day's notice be given to the Depot when the horses are required for a practice. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

6—Site for War Memorial—The Sub-Committee appointed to consider in conjunction with the War Memorial Committee the question of the site for the War Memorial, reported that it had been decided, subject to the approval of the Council, that the Memorial should be placed at the North end of the Promenade Long Garden, and facing the Promenade. Resolved, That the proposed site be approved.

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7-Distress Committee-- Resolved, That Mrs. F. H. Crawley, Rev. J. A. Owen, M. A., Col. King-Harman, Mr. W. R. Carles, C.M.G., Mr. Edward Bourne, and Mr. J. W. Betteridge, being persons experienced in the relief of distress, be appointed members of the Distress Committee for the Borough, their term of office to expire on the 31st March, 1908.

8—Licence to Store Petrol—Read an application from Major Shewell for a licence to store 250 gallons of petroleum for private use at Cotswold, Cheltenham. The Inspector having reported that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

9—Tenders for Tolls at Mops and Fairs, 1907—Three tenders were received for the Tolls at the Mops and Fairs to be held this year in the Market. Resolved, That the offer of £275 of Mr. Clifton Hill, of No. 2, Coach Road, Cheltenham, be accepted, subject to the usual conditions as to prepayment, &c., this offer being the highest.

10— Town Hall—On the recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Committee, Resolved, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to Mr. Horace Teague for 4 Benefit Concert in the afternoon of the 4th prox., and to the Municipal Orchestra for a Concert for their Benefit in the afternoon of the 6th prox.

11—Annual Meeting of Municipal Corporations' Association—The Town Clerk reported that the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Corporations' Association would be held in London on the 18th prox.

Resolved, That the Mayor, the Chairman, and the Town Clerk be appointed to attend the meeting as representatives of the Council.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Wednesday, the 13th March, 1907. Present :—Aldermen Haddon and Waghorne, Councillor Marshall, and the Baron de Ferrieres (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 651 visits made to the Art Gallery since the 13th ult. Mr. Rushton's portrait of Miss Beale had been received and hung in the large Gallery. Progress had been made with the work in the Museum, and the labelling of the specimens and objects was proceeding. Mr. Richardson reported that in order to properly arrange and display the Pierson Geological Collection, another case was necessary. He recommended that the Art Gallery be closed for the annual cleaning from the 18th to the 30th inst. Resolved, That the Curator be instructed to obtain an estimate for the provision of the additional case required, and that the Gallery be closed as recommended.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th March, 1907. Present :—Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1 ----Montpellier Baths---The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since

the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£195 17 9	Payments	£476 16 5
Rent of Shop ..	£36 0 0	Proportion of repayment	
Hire of Bath for		of loans and interest	£488.12..7
Gymnasium, &c. ..	£32 9 9		
Old Lead ..	<u>£ 1 17 4</u>		£965 9 0
	£566 4 10		

Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the painting of the outside of the Montpellier Baths.

2—Alstone Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows

Receipts ...	£334 18 6	Payments	£352 8 8
		Proportion of Repayment of loans and interest	<u>£307 7 11</u>
	£334 18 6		£659 16 7

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Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the outside pipes, etc., at these Baths painted.

Boys' Brigade—Read, an application from the Rev. R. W. Bullock applying for special terms for the use of the Alstone Swimming Bath by the members of the 1st Cheltenham Company Boys' Brigade as in previous years. Resolved, That members of the Brigade be admitted to the Swimming Bath any day between 7 and 9 p.m. on payment of 1d. each, the admission tickets to be obtained through Mr. Bullock, and initialled by him.

3 -Medical Baths---The report of the Chairman presented at the last monthly meeting was further considered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the necessary instruction to be given to the Superintendents of Montpellier Baths in the administration of Aix Douche and the other medical baths to be provided at Montpellier.

4—Cricket at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from Miss Platt, on behalf of the All Saints' Old Boys' Cricket Club, for permission to play at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground this season. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

5—Grazing at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters from Messrs. Holliday Page and Messrs. Downham offering to continue for another year their tenancies of the grazing at the Agg-Gardner and Naunton Park Recreation Grounds at rents of £8 and respectively. The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Waghorne Bros., Ltd., were willing to continue their tenancy of the grazing at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground for the sum of £3. Resolved, That the offers be accepted subject to the same terms and conditions as last year.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd March, 1907. Present :—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and. Steel (Alderman Redden in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that satisfactory progress had been made with the levelling of the ground at the Cemetery.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved : Kerbing to grave of David Wingate ; Headstone to grave of Annie Ride. Memorial Cross to grave of Elizabeth Goshawk.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th March, 1907—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Green, Margrett, and Marshall, Baron de Ferrieres, Revs. J. Evans, and A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. W. Cresswell, F. Parsons, A. Mann and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. The issues from the Reference and the Lending Libraries during the month were 1,536 and 9,508, the former being an increase of 159, and the latter a decrease of 811 on the corresponding month of last year. Receipts, £5 2s. 1d. Presentations :—Mr. J. T. Agg-Gardner 200 vols. ; Trustees of British Museum, 2 vols. ; E. H. Barnfield, 1 vol.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th inst, (Present : Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillor Marshall and Rev. J. Evans), and examined the monthly accounts.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1907 — Present- Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate was read, Amount collected £22,834 8s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £1,913 17s. 5d.

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2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £11,279 14s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £1,107 9s. 4d.

3—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 26th February, 1907	£18,101 11 10
Received since that date	<u>£ 9,007 14 0</u>
	£27,109 5 10
Paid since that date	<u>£14,438 9 0</u>
	£12,670 16 10

Being General Accounts	£11,309 5 11
Sinking Funds	£ <u>1,361 10 11</u>
	£12,670 16 10

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the, Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Tuesday, the 2nd April, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: JOHN WAGHORNE GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS

Councillors: JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LEY WOOD, CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TONI HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD HENRY WAGHORNE.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 4th March last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 18th March last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Farms Management Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th March last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 25th March last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th March last be approved and confirmed.

6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th, 23rd and 27th March last be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meetings of the 21st and 27th March last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th March last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th March last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th March last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd March last, be approved and confirmed.

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12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th March last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

13—Trees--On the motion of Councillor King-Harman, of which due notice had been given, it was Resolved, That it is necessary for the good of the Town, that a settled, definite and continuous policy be adopted regarding the planting, removing and general care of the trees and ornamental shrubs belonging to the Borough of Cheltenham, and that professional advice be obtained, if considered necessary, to advise how that policy could be best carried out.

14—Notice of Motion—Councillor Merrett gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council :—

(1) That in future in all contracts for work required for this Council preference be given whenever practicable to local tradesmen ; (2) That no contractor be employed unless he pays his workmen not less than the minimum standard rate of wages prevailing in Cheltenham for the time being in each branch of trade and observes the recognised hours of employment and conditions adopted in the town for each class of labour respectively and that no contractor employed by this Council shall be allowed to sublet any of the work contracted for without special permission of the Council or the Committee having charge of the work contracted for ; (3) That the Contractor in the event of any breach of these conditions by himself or any sub-contractor forfeit and pay to the Corporation the sum of Ten Pounds as and for liquidated damages for each and every case of such breach ; (4) That the terms of Clauses (2) & (3) of this resolution form part of the conditions embodied in all contracts with the Council, and (5) That the Resolution of the Council of the 4th March, 1895, be varied accordingly.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 6th May, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th April 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman, Pilley, and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 2 cases of Scarlet Foyer, 1 case of Enteric Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas, and 4 cases of Diphtheria that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2--Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 5, St. Philip's Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owners to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1 & 2, St. George's Retreat, 24, 30, 32, 48 & 50, Roman Road, and 8, King Street Gardens. — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 64, Upper Park, Street, 76 & 78 Duke Street, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Princes Street, and 3 and 9, St. Paul's Street South.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, Sze., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 37, Townsend Street, 1 & 2 St. George's Retreat, 22, 33 & 35, Roman Road, 8, King Street Gardens, & 3 St. Paul's Street South.— The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6--Overcrowding at No. 4, Rose and Crown Passage—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises,

Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no peeper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 19 Bath Terrace, 7, Gloucester Place, 5, Portland Street, Westholme, St. George's Road, 2 St. George's Retreat, & 22, 24 & 33 Roman Road. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. 8, 11 and 13 York Terrace and 15 St. Paul's Street South be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

9—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 19th inst. the carcass (with offal) of a heifer slaughtered at the Abattoir, weighing 756 lbs., was found to be badly affected with tuberculosis, and was surrendered by the owner and destroyed as unfit for human food.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd April, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman and Pilley (The Mayor in the Chair).

10—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, and that 1 case had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

11—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 30, 32, 48 and 50 Roman Road, 1 Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane, 1, 5 & 6 New's Cottages, Alstone.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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12—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 17 Roman Road, 1 2, 3, 4, and 5 Larput Place. 1 and 2 Hungerford Cottages and Hungerford Villa, Larput Place. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health.

Resolved. That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains and report to the Committee.

13—Insanitary Property—Nos- 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8 New's Cottages, Alstone, 1 and 2 Glen Cottages, and 1 and 2 Durbin, Cottages, Folly Lane, 1, 2 & 3 Higgs Cottages, Alstone, 2, Painswick Terrace, & Cottage in Rose and Crown Passage, The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs. walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that, the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

14—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 15, 28, 31, 50, 52, 64, Roman Road.--- Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

15—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. : — Nos. 2, 3 and 4, Rodney Place, 18, Rodney Terrace, 17, All Saints' Road, and 14, North Place be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved. That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

16—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from defective drainage, floors, &c., and the cleansing and limewashing of walls, which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

17—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mrs. Flynn, of 255 High Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved. That the applicant be registered.

18—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that two pork pigs (weight 924 lbs.), slaughtered at the Abattoir on the 17th inst. were found to be affected with tuberculosis, and were surrendered by the owner and destroyed.

19—Common Lodging House—Read, an application from Mr. Henry Young to be registered as keeper of a Common Lodging house at No. 21 Stanhope Street. in the place of Mr. Collins, from whom he had purchased the business. Resolved. That the applicant be registered.

20—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—With reference to the application of the Council for the approval of the Local Government Board to the substitution of an egg-shaped concrete tube sewer for a brick sewer, read a letter from the Board. stating that the maximum period for repayment allowed by them for armoured concrete tubes was 15 years. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had ascertained that in several cases 30 years had been sanctioned by the Board as the period for repayment for sewers of

similar construction to that now proposed. The Town Clerk submitted a draft reply to the Board's letter. Resolved, That the same be approved.

21—Rodney Terrace Sewer—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the reconstruction of this sewer.

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22 —No. 33, Hanover Street--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the defective drains on or belonging to these premises had not been made good. Resolved, That instructions be given to have the work carried out, and that when completed proceedings be taken to recover the cost thereof and for the penalties incurred.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on, Friday, the 19th April, 1907.—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett, and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. The following purchases had been made during the month, viz : 40 head of cattle (including 2 calves) for £423 0s. 6d., 50 sheep for £102, and 1 horse from the Central Depot for (Total, £530 0s. 6d.) The sales had been as follows :-10 head of cattle (including 3 calves) for £87 18s. 9d., and 12 pig for £13 4s. 0d. Total, £101 2s. 9d.

The number of livestock on the farms on the 19th instant was 12 horses, 1 colt, 131 head of cattle, 63 sheep, and 13 pigs, all doing very well. The planting of oats and barley had been completed, and that of mangolds had commenced. 6 tons 12 cwts. 2 qrs. of hay and 6 tons 1 cwt. 3 qrs. of straw had been delivered to the Central Depot. Miscellaneous receipts, £3 2s. 3d. The pipes authorised at the last meeting, and also 12 bushels each of seed barley and white oats had been purchased. He recommended that the main sewer to the Barn Farm should be cleared, and that further purchases of cattle and sheep should be made. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, and that the manager be instructed to have the carts and wagons cleaned and painted.

2-- Annual Stocktaking and Valuation—The Chairman reported that the Committee met at the Farms on the 20th ult. (Present ; Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Margrett and Steel) for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation. Amount of valuation of livestock, hay, &c., harness and implements, acts of husbandry, etc., £2598 16s. 6d.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th April, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman. (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Read a letter from Mr. J. Medley applying for permission to place a projecting sign outside his premises, No. 148a, High Street. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

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Read a letter from Messrs. H. Underwood & Co., applying on behalf of Mr. H. Samuel, for permission to place eight arc lamps outside No. 121, High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

2—Porch in Naunton Parade—Mr. T. W: Smith attended this meeting and asked the Committee to reconsider their decision approved by the Council requiring the removal of the porch in Naunton Parade erected by him. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to allow the porch to remain.

3—Sale of Horse—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Farms Committee were willing to give for the old horse, " Captain," now at the Depot. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

4—Purchase of straw—Councillor Gridley reported that the Farms Committee were willing to supply the Highways Department with oat straw at £2 per ton. Resolved, That any oat straw required be obtained from the Farms at the price mentioned.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th April, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Herman. (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways----The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 22nd March to the 25th April, 1907 (both inclusive) had been as follows :-

Roads Repaired—Lansdown Road (4,500 sup. yards). Electricity Trenches Repaired-2 in Bayshill, 1 in High Street, 1 in Christ Church Road, and 1 in Thirlestaine Road. Water Trench Repaired—High Street. Sewer Trenches Repaired-01d Bath Road and Naunton Lane. Telephone Trenches Repaired—Andover Street and Rose and Crown Passage.

Footpaths Tar Painted—Minnow Ditch (234 lin. yards), Hall Road (495 lin. yards), Charlton Lane (227 lin. yards), Old Bath Road (2,363 lin. yards), Battledown Approach (799 lin. yards). Whaddon Lane (249 lin. yards),

Footpaths Gravelled—Gloucester Road and the Park proceeding. Footpaths Repaired—Naunton Park Terrace, Oxford Place, Stoneville Street, and Townsend Street. New Slab Paving—Naunton Lane and Gloucester Road proceeding.

Footpath Paving Re-laid----Tivoli Road (500 sup. yards). Asphalt Footpath Renewed—Albion Street (60 sup. yards). Carriageway Paved with Granite Setts—St. James's Square (4 ½ square yards). New Turf Verges Laid—The Park (400 sup. yards). Channel Repaired—Bloomsbury Street, Douro Road, and Portland Square, New Kerb Fixed—Naunton Lane, (24 lin. yards). New Channel Fined—Naunton Lane (24 lin. yards). Gully Grates and Frames Renewed-3. Crossings Renewed-2. Crossings Repaired--5.

New Gateway Crossing-1. Manholes Paved Round-56. Trees Felled—High Street 1, College Road 18, Orrisdale Terrace 3, Montpellier Terrace 1, Argyle Place 2, Lansdown Road 1, Queen's Road 1, and Parabola Road 1.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended 25th April, 1907, 1,288 loads collected, 1,008 consumed, and 280 tipped away. Weight consumed, 1,018 tons 7 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 18th April, 1907, 848 $\frac{2}{3}$ square yards of slabs and 2,271 lin. feet of kerb made.

6---View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors -Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and King-Harman.

7- Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the- Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 26th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

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8—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that in a number of cases the condition that advertising lamps should be kept fully alight until 10 p.m. each night was not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the tradesmen mentioned in the report to the condition, and inform them that unless the conditions upon which permission was obtained for the erection of the lamps are complied with, the projections must be removed.

9—Alstone Avenue Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Alstone Avenue had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £564 8s. 1d., which amount he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand for repayment be served upon the owners of the premises mentioned therein.

10—Ash Destructor---The Borough Surveyor reported that it would be impossible next winter to deal with all the refuse at the Destructor, and even now considerable accumulations had taken place there. The present cells and flues could not be adapted to forced draught. He recommended that four new cells for forced draught should be added at a cost of £1,600, assuming the present main flue would not need rebuilding. These cells would have a capacity of 50 tons per 24 hours, which was about 7 tons a day in excess of the present average daily collection. Considerable economy in working would be effected and if new cells were installed, and in view of the urgency of the matter, he recommended that tenders for the work should be obtained at once. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved, that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £1.800 to cover the cost of the necessary works, and that the tenders for the proposed additional cells be invited by advertisements.

11—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor presented the following revenue account of the Slab Factory for the half-year ending the 28th March, 1907 :—

Surplus brought forward, September. 1906 ..	£644 9 10
Sales for half-year, March, 1907	£539 4 8
Slabs in stock. 28th March, 1907, 7,500 1/9 [? sq. yds] square yards, at 2s 6d : Kerbs in stock. 982 2/3 square yards, at 2s 6d (8,482 7/9 square yards, at 2s 6d)	£1060 6 11
Value of Cement, Granite and other Materials in stock, 28th March, 1907	<u>£ 49 11 11</u>
	£2,293 13 4
Slabs in stock, 27th September, 1906, 5,132 5/9 square yards, at 2s 6d ...	£641 11 5
Kerbs 1,584, at 2s 6s	<u>£198 0 0</u>
	£839 11 5
Cement, Granite and other Materials in stock, September, 1906 ...	£82 16 8
Wages and Material for half year 28th March, 1907	£569 18 8
Rates, Taxes and Insurance	£ 9 15 1
Interest and Sinking Fund (approx.)	£117 5 0
Surplus... ●●● ...	<u>£674 6 6</u>
	£2,293 13 4

12—Hoarding in Leckhampton Road—Read a letter from the General Manager G.W.R., stating that on inspection, on behalf of the Company, the hoarding near the Company's Station in Leckhampton Road was found to be in good order, the bills displayed were not of an unsightly character, and speaking generally it could not affect the surroundings of the district. The Company felt, therefore, that they could not ask their Advertisement Contractors to remove it.

13—White Hart Street Private Improvement Works--Read, a memorial signed by Mr. R. W. Cull and other owners of property in White Hart Street asking the Council to vary their previous resolution as regards the works the owners were required to execute, by the substitution of asphalt for paving and of blue bricks instead of granite cubes for the cartway. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to vary the specification already approved.

14—America Passage—Read, a letter from Messrs. Holliday & Page calling attention to an obstruction erected by Messrs. Lance & Co., in America Passage. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to Messrs. Lance & Co., to remove the obstruction referred to.

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15—Light Railway Standards, St. George's Road—Read, a letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. applying for permission to place 8 additional tramway poles along the south side of St. George's Road. Resolved, That permission be granted, the poles including bases to be similar in every respect to those already erected in the road.

16—Tar Wagons—Resolved, That 2 tar wagons be purchased from the Cheltenham Gas Company for £15.

17—Stone Breaking. Read, a letter from Councillor Merrett stating that there were a number of men in Cheltenham who were able to do stone breaking, and suggesting that sufficient stone should be obtained to keep them at work. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain whether an arrangement can be made with the G.W.R. Co. for the use of a portion of their yard at Leckhampton Station and report as to the cost of screening the stone broken by hand.

18—Trees—By invitation of the Committee Mr. William Hall attended this meeting, and kindly offered to assist the Committee by his advice with regard to the planting and cost of the trees in the public streets. Mr. Hall discussed the subject of the planting and management with the Committee, and made several suggestions. Resolved, That the best thanks of this Committee be accorded to Mr. Hall for his advice and assistance, and that the Tree Sub-Committee be now instructed to consider the matter and report.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th April, 1907. Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall and King-Harman. (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

1—New Buildings —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
518	S. Sharpe	Stable at rear of Henrville, St. George's Road
519	Mrs. Clare	Workshop at rear of 19, Winchcomb Street
520	Cheltenham Gas Co.	Motor House at "The Shrubbery," Gloucester Road
521	W. T. Bailey	Warehouse for Wool Store, Six Chimney Lane

Resolved, That the plans be approved.

With reference to the report of the Building Inspector last month that Mr. R. R. Skemp had contravened the bye-laws with respect to new buildings by commencing the erection of houses in Charlton Lane without due notice and before the deposit of plans, read a letter from Mr. Skemp, in reply to a letter from the Borough Surveyor, stating that he did not think that he had not infringed any bye-law, and complaining of the delay in the approval of plans submitted. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Skemp pointing out the bye-law infringed by him, and that any future breach would be followed by proceedings, and that the delay which necessarily ensued owing to the date on which he deposited his plans might have been avoided by him.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 26th April, 1907. Present Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Pilley (Councillor Bendall in the chair.)

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:--

No. of Plan	Name	Description
522	R. Sanders	New W.C.'s and Coalhouses, Milldale and Owslow, Sandford Mill Road
523	E. A. Trapnell	Motor House, Thirlestaine Lodge, Thirlestaine Road
524	Mrs. Hickman	House in St. Margaret's Road, corner of Rose and Crown Passage
525	A. Cowell	Two Semi-Detached Houses, Swindon Road, opposite Townsend Street
526	R. Marshall	New Bay Windows and W.C., Fairmount, Fairmount Road, St. Mark's

Resolved, That plans No. 524 and 526 be approved, that plan No, 522 be approved subject to drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that plan No. 525 be approved subject to the removal of any existing drains from the site, and to the pavement trough being of a pattern approved by the Borough Surveyor, and that plan No. 523 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th March, 1907. Present :—Councillors Baker, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair). The Borough Electrical Engineer also attended.

1—The keeping of the accounts of the Electric Light Department was discussed.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 4th April, 1907. Present :—Councillors Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

2—The general keeping of accounts was discussed, and certain recommendations made.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 12th April, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Green in the Chair).

3—The salaries of officials were discussed, and the cost of departments compared with other towns.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th April, 1907. Present :—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Green in the Chair).

4—The discussion of the previous meeting was continued, and certain recommendations made.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of flits Committee held on Thursday, the 25th April, 1907. Present :—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

5—The Health Department was discussed, and recommendations made. The Committee passed to the Recreation Grounds and Gardens.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd April, 1907—Present : Councillors Baker, Bennett, and Packer, (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Band for Whit Monday—Resolved. To engage the Cheltenham Rifle Volunteer Band to play in the Promenade from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Whit Monday at a charge of £3

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2—Town Hall Musical Afternoons-- The Borough Accountant presented the following statement of the receipts and expenses in respect of the Musical Afternoons last winter :—

RECEIPTS. -

Subscriptions	£207 0 0
Books of Tickets	£ 8 18 0
Admissions at doors ..	£224 3 6
Refreshment rights ..	£ 7 10 0
Programme rights ...	£ 25 0 0
Repayment of Heating Expenses	<u>£1 12 8</u>
	£474 4 2
Deficit Balance . . .	<u>£146 2 10</u>
	£620 7 0

EXPENSES.

Orchestra	£492 17 0
Attendants	£ 24 1 8
Vocalists..	£ 22 11 6
Electric Energy ...	£ 42 10 6
Advertising, Printing, &c.	£ 21 4 6
Use of French music ..	£ 3 3 0
Hire of Plants ..,	£11 15 0
Sundries	<u>£ 2 3 10</u>
	£620 7 0

3—Keys for Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—Read, a Memorial and letters from subscribers to Montpellier Gardens, asking the Committee to again issue keys to subscribers upon payment as had been done previously to last year. Resolved. That the Committee regret that they cannot recommend the Council to accede to the request.

4—Advertising —Read, a letter from the London agent of the " Madras Times," applying for the renewal of the advertisement of Cheltenham in that paper for another year, Resolved, That the advertisement be not renewed.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th April, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

5—Estimate of Expenditure, 1907-8—The Committee visited the Montpellier and Winter Gardens and the Promenade Long Garden, with a view to provision being made in the Estimates for the current year for necessary works of renewal and repair at these Gardens.

6—Montpellier Gardens---A plan was submitted by the Borough Surveyor for the provision of some additional W.C. and lavatory for use of the general public, and store room accommodation, at the Lodge at Montpellier Gardens at an estimated cost of £175, Resolved, That further consideration of the plan be adjourned, but that the estimated expenditure be provided for in the estimates. Resolved, That the awning in front of the Proscenium be extended at a cost of £60.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th April, 1907. Present—Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the illuminating power of the gas on the 17th inst. with the following result :-16.5 candles. On the 15th and 16th inst. he had tested for purity, the number of grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet being 39.

2—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 15th inst. there were 907 consumers, with an equivalent of 60,911 eight candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 865 and 58,217 respectively.

3—Additions to Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the Borough Surveyor in conjunction with himself should prepare a plan and specification of the builder's work required in connection with the installation of the new plant at the works. He had suggested to the makers a slight modification of the hot well pump in connection with the condensing plant, which would effect a saving in cost of £24 0s. 0d., and he recommended that this be adopted. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

4—Annual Meeting of Municipal Electrical Association—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Municipal Electrical Association stating that the Annual Meeting of the Association would be held at Sheffield on the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th June next. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed delegates to attend the Meeting.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th April, 1907. Present : Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

5—Offices—The Borough Surveyor reported that no tenders had been received in response to the advertisement for the alterations and additions to the Manchester Street Sub-Station. Resolved, That he be instructed to invite tenders from several Cheltenham firms, and that in view of the urgency of the matter the Committee be empowered to accept a tender or to arrange otherwise for carrying out the work.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th April, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair),

1—Hone v. Corporation—Mr. Geo. Hone and Mr. H. A. Badham attended the meeting, and terms for the settlement of this action were discussed. It was agreed that the negotiations should be without prejudice on either side. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to consent to an Order being made staying the proceedings in the action on the following terms, namely :—

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That if at any time hereafter the Plaintiffs shall find in developing the lands mentioned in the Statement of Claim for building purposes that the present position in the road of the 12-inch main shall interfere with the construction of any building, which the Plaintiffs may intend to construct, and which they may be entitled to so construct, the Corporation shall at their option either alter the position of the said 12-inch main so as to avoid such interference, or shall pay compensation for any damage which the Plaintiffs may sustain by reason of the construction of such building being interfered with as aforesaid. Any dispute as to the fact of damage or the amount of compensation to be referred to arbitration under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, by an Arbitrator to be nominated by the President for the time being of the Association of Waterworks Engineers. The Defendants to pay to the Plaintiffs £30 towards their costs of this action. Resolved, also, That the Council be recommended to enter into an agreement containing similar terms in respect of the 12-inch water main adjoining the land belonging to Mr. Geo. Hone.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Sleding of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th April, 1907.—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, AL Davis, Green, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th April, 1907.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	148,500 gallons	205,700 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	457,056 "	737,000 "
Leckhampton	22,720 "	not gauged.
Total	628,276	942,700 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	April 19th, 1907.		April 19th, 1906	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	---	25,219,538 galls	---	18,826,417 gallons
Leckhampton	2ft. 0in.	270,154	9ft. 6in.	1,283,229 "
Dowdeswell	21ft. 7in.	51,055,432	30ft. 4in.	91,406,469 "
Total Storage		76,545,124		111,516,115

Pumping had proceeded continuously from Tewkesbury, a daily average of over 900,000 gallons having been pumped during the 31 days ending on the 24th inst. A 12-inch bypass with reflux valve had been fixed at the side of the main meters in Hewlett Road, by which means the water from Tewkesbury could pass to Hewletts Reservoir, with less friction and without effecting to the same extent the pressure in the town mains.

3—Advertising Boards at Dowdeswell—Read, letters from the Managers of the Queen's and Royal Hotels, applying for permission to place advertisement boards on land belonging to the Corporation at Dowdeswell. Resolved, That the applications be not entertained, and that the board already erected on the land referred to be removed forthwith.

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4—Extension of Mains-----The Town Clerk reported that instead of guaranteeing a return of 10 per cent. on the cost of the extension of main in Hyde Road, Swindon, Messrs. Reason & Loveday had agreed to deposit £120, three-fourths of the cost of the extension, this amount to be returned to them by three instalments from time to time in proportion the revenue obtained from the houses erected on the land in accordance with the terms of the agreement to be entered into with them RESOLVED, That the proposed arrangement be approved, and the first Resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee of the 21st March last be varied accordingly.

Read, an application from the owners of the Moorend Estate, Charlton Kings, for an extension of main to supply houses erected and to be erected on the estate. The Borough Engineer reported that the extension now desired would cost about £160. Resolved, That the extension be made on the owners giving it satisfactory guarantee to secure a return of 10 per cent. on the outlay or to make a deposit on the same terms as for the extension in Hyde Road, Swindon.

Application for Loan. On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £3,000 to defray the cost of extension of water mains already made and to be made during the next 2 or 3 years.

5—Land in Keynsham Road—The Borough Engineer reported that the new tenant of land in Keynsham Road had called attention to the bad condition of the fence along the Keynsham Road boundary. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to do what is necessary to make good the fence.

6—Appeals—The cases entered into the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on, Tuesday, the 23rd April, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Waghorne, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Ley Wood and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 30th ulto. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at No. 240 High Street (Hay and Corn Stores). Damage £500. Cause not apparent. Extinction expenses £9 12s. 6d. Building and contents insured. He reported that the list of hydrants required reprinting in consequence of alterations and additions to the hydrants, and that a bridle and reins were needed to make up another set of harness. Resolved, That the question of the reprinting of the hydrant list and the purchase of reins, etc., be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Joseph Griggs & Co., timber merchants, of Gloucester, thanking the Brigade for the prompt, and valuable services rendered on the occasion of the fire at their timber yard on the 4th and 5th ult.

3—Hackney, Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Edward Craddock, of 4, Christ Church Villas, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved. That the application be granted.

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4—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 55—Read, letters from Mr. W. Mansell (as representative of his brother, Mr. T. Mansell, deceased), and Mr. Edward Craddock, of 4, Christ Church Villas, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 55 to the latter, who had purchased the carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the vehicle being inspected and passed by the Chairman.

5—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages be held at the Central Depot on Friday, the 30th May next, at 9.30 a.m., and the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Council at the Central Depot on Friday, the 7th June next, at 10.30 a.m.

6—Distress Committee—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Guardians, stating that the following members of the Board had been selected for appointment to fill the vacancies on the Distress Committee for the Borough Miss Mary Elizabeth Roberts, Miss Edith Mary Rowbotham, Messrs. Alfred Charles Carter, Frank Charles Dodwell, Edward Eager, James Alfred Gale, Edward Parker and James Beale Ransford.

Resolved, That the members of the Board named be appointed members of the Distress Committee for the Borough.

7—Renumbering of North Street—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., asking that in view of the recent alterations in North Street the premises in that street should be renumbered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan for the suggested renumbering.

8—Fruit Market—Messrs. C. C. Castle, W. Restall, and W. Westcott attended this meeting as representatives of the Cheltenham and District Market Gardeners' Association, and asked that further accommodation at the Market should be provided for the Fruit and Vegetable Market. The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for the erection of a shed, 54 feet by 50 feet, at a cost of £110.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to provide the additional accommodation required in accordance with the plan now submitted if the Association will take the present and the proposed buildings on lease for 7 years, with power to the Corporation to determine the same at the end of the 5th or 7th year of the term at a rent of £40 per annum, the Association to clear up the market place after each sale.

9—Contributions to Local Charities—Read, a letter from Mr. John Pearson, Hon. Treasurer of the Home for Sick Children, Harp Hill, making application to the Council for a contribution from the rates equal to the amount of the General District Rate paid by that institution.

Resolved, That a subscription of £8 14s. 0d. be made to the Home for Sick Children under the powers conferred on the Council by the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905.

10—Leckhampton Hill—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Bill of Costs covering the whole of the work done and payments made under the Agreements, dated the 9th January, 1904, and the 12th April, 1905. The Bill had been taxed at the sum of £3,318 14s, 9d., made up of £2,257 17s. 4d. Counsels' fees, payments to witnesses, and other disbursements, and £1,060 17s. 5d. solicitors' costs. He also submitted a statement of the total costs of action, amounting to £3,941 10s. 1d., made up as follows:-

	£	s	d	£	s.	d.
Costs as above				3,318	14	9
Plaintiffs Costs of Appeal as to venue ...				40	19	6
Interest from 12th January, 1904, to 8th June, 1906				3	18	8
Plaintiffs Costs under judgment of 20th May, 1904	1907	0	10			
Less Defendants' Costs under same judgment ...	<u>1494</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>			
				412	9	4
Interest thereon to 8th June, 1906 ...				33	17	1
Plaintiffs' Cost of Motion to vary Minutes				27	4	10
Interest thereon from 15th July, 1904, to 8th June, 1906				2	1	4
Plaintiffs' Costs of Appeal ...				98	10	2
Interest thereon from 28th June, 1904, to 8th June, 1906				3	14	5
				£3,941	10	1

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He also submitted statement of apportionment of the sum between the Town Council and Rural District Council under the agreements. The total sum payable by the Town Council was £3505 2s. 8d., including the Costs of Appeal for which the Town Council were alone liable. The amount already paid on account or provided in the Estimate was £3425 2s. 6d. The balance remaining unpaid was £462 17s.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th April, 1907. Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Norman, Councillors Davies, Marshall and Stroud, Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson, (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that during the 12 days for which the Gallery had been open since the 13th ult. there had been 512 visits. The arrangements of the objects in the Museum was sufficiently advanced to allow of the opening of the Museum at an early date. Mr. J. W. Gray had lent a small collection of shells. He recommended that 11 maps and engravings be framed, and that the tender of Mr. T. W. Stephens for the work at £1 19s. 8d. be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted, and that Mr. Gray be thanked for the loan made by him.

2—Show Case—The following tenders received for providing and fixing an oak show case, 14 feet by 7 feet, were opened and considered :—

H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd.	17 13 6
A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd.	15 4 0
R. L. Boulton & Sons	10 14 6
J. G. Packer	10 10 0
Collins & Godfrey ...	10 10 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey be accepted.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th April, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths - The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths to the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£509 12 10	Payments	£582 4 9
Rent of Shop	£ 36 0 0	Interest & Redemption	£532 2 3
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium, &c. <u>£52 13 9</u>			
	£598 6 7		£1114 7 0

The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for the supply of ladies' bathing costumes.

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. E. L. Ward for the supply of 5 dozen ladies' bathing costumes for 14s. 6d. per dozen be accepted.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths to the 31st March last, had been as follows :—

Receipts	£310 11 0	Payments	£416 2 0
		Interest & Redemption	<u>£335 14 7</u>
	£310 11 0		£751 16 7

Open Air Bath—Read, an application from the Head Master of the Grammar School, applying for the exclusive use of the Alstone Open Air Bath for about 50 boys. Resolved, That the exclusive use be granted for one hour on the School paying for a minimum of 40, or 80 for 2 hours, the days and hours to be arranged with the Superintendent.

Life Saving Class—Resolved, That permission be granted to the Superintendent to conduct a Life Saving Class at Alstone.

3— Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that the fence round the rose garden at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground should be replaced by an iron fence as soon as possible at a cost of £7 10s. 0d., and that the Lodge interior required papering and painting at about the same cost. Resolved, That the works be carried out.

4—Use of Alstone and Montpellier Baths by Cheltenham Swimming Club—Messrs. H. W. Harris, E. W. Smith and T. James, jun., attended as representing the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, and asked that no charge be made to the Club in future for the hire or removal of chairs required at the Baths when exclusively occupied by the Club. Resolved, That an inclusive charge of £1 1s. 0d. per

night be made to the Club for the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath at Alstone or Montpellier, no charge to be made in respect of the hire or carriage of the chairs required on such occasions.

5—Cricket at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Rev. Cecil Page, applying on behalf of the All Saints' Choir Cricket Club for permission to play at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground this year. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the usual conditions and to arrangements being made with the Superintendent and other clubs to whom permission has been granted as to days for play.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th April, 1907. Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Merrett, Pilley, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair),

6—Mineral Waters and Medical Baths--Mr. G. A. Peake, Hon. Sec. of the Medical Committee, attended this meeting, and submitted a circular letter proposed to be sent out in the name of the Medical Committee to 66 medical and other Journals in this country with a copy of the pamphlet recently prepared by that Committee. Resolved, That the proposal be approved and adopted, and that the pamphlet (of which 10,000 has been printed) be sent to the medical men practising in the United Kingdom, selected by the Medical Committee.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th April, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery submitted a list of repairs, etc., which he recommended should be carried out during the present financial year. He also recommended that the notices put up at the Cemetery entrance should be revised. Resolved, That consideration of the recommendations be adjourned until the Committee have visited the Cemetery.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved : Headstones to graves of Henry Rowles, Harriett Coleman, William John Swallow. Memorial Crosses to graves of Elizabeth Townsend, Lilian Annie Clegg, Samuel Laurence Bagshawe, Frederick Fletcher Barton, and Sarah Cassie Pearce. Kerbing and Inscriptions to graves of Ann Fear, George Turner (kerb only), and Alfred George Illott.

JOHN HADDON,

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th April, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, King-Harman, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley and -Stewart,

Revs. J. Evans, and A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, C. Hayward, and F. Parsons. (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Presentations :—Baron de Ferrieres, 5 vols. ; Dr. Garrett. 2 pamphlets ; The Librarian, 4 vols. and 5 pamphlets Incorporated Society of Musicians, 1 vol. ; W. J. Crawford, Old Plan of Tramway, Tivoli. Receipts £7 0s. 8d. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 10,739 during the month and from the Reference Department 1913, a decrease of 38 per day in the case of the former, and an increase of 22 per day in the case of the Reference Department.

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2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th inst, (Present : Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors King-Harman, Marshall and Merrett, Rev. J. Evans, and Mr. C. Hayward).

They recommended :—

(1) That a revised list of worn-out books be prepared for the next meeting.

(2) That a new uniform for the janitor be ordered from Messrs. Bryant & Co. at a cost (including cap with arms) of £5 9s.

(3) That a half-gross of electric lamps be ordered.

(4) That the tender of Messrs. Harvey & Healing for miscellaneous printing at £2 3s. 6d. be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Blacking-Out of Betting News—Mr. C. Hayward gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting the rescission of the resolution of this Committee of the 18th July last directing that betting news should be expunged from the newspapers placed in the Reading Room.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th April, 1907— Present., The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Final Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected £45,470 14s. 2d. Voids abatements, etc., £3,519 7s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £250 0s. 2d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £11,310 0s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £2,272 12s. 6d.

3—Rates Department—The Borough Collector reported that the total amount received in the Rates Department for the year ending the 31st March last was as follows:-

For Municipal purposes (including General District Rate, Water, Electric Light and Pittville Rent Charges)	£89,139 2 10
Poor Rate (including £26,000 Borough Rate) ...	<u>£49,412 0 5</u>
	£138,551 3 3

4—Estimates for Rates—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held on Tuesday, the 7th prox., at 7.30 p.m. to consider the estimates for the rates.

5—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that the Brixham Urban District Council had repaid in accordance with notice the loan of £4,000 made to them out of Sinking and Loan Funds in 1897.

Resolved, That arrangements be made for reciprocal investments of the amounts uninvested in the Sinking and Loans Funds.

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The Borough Accountant reported that he had received the following loans at 3 per cent., viz. :—
£2,000 for a term of 10 years, with power on either side to terminate by 6 months' notice at the end of 3, 5 or 7 years, 500 for one year certain, and afterwards subject to 3 months' notice on either side. Resolved, That the loans be accepted, and debentures be sealed and issued, the £2,000 to be applied as part of the £16,600 Electric Lighting Loan, and the :2500 as part of £10,220 St. Paul's Sewerage Loan. He also reported that notice had been received from another lender to repay £550 at present bearing Interest at 3 ¼ per cent. Resolved, That the loan be continued with interest at 3 5/8 per cent. from the expiration of the notice given.

6—St. Ann's Road Private Improvement Expenses—Read, a letter from the Rev. F. B. Macnutt on behalf of the owners of Alconbury, applying for permission to repay the amount due for private improvement works in St. Ann's Road (£74 3s. 4d.) by three instalments with interest at 5 per cent. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to one instalment being paid now.

7—Electricity Capital Accounts- -As instructed by this Committee, the Borough Accountant presented his report upon the Capital Accounts of the Electricity Undertaking, and the same having been read, Resolved, That consideration thereof be adjourned.

8—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 26th February, 1907	£12,670 16 10
Received since that date (including Loans £2,500 and Sinking Funds Investments £4,000 repaid)	<u>£11,753 11 8</u>
	£24,424 8 6
Paid since that date (including Loan of 1000 paid off)	<u>£19,662 12 7</u>
In hand	£4,761 15 11
Being Sinking Funds (in hand)	£6,104 3 11
General Accounts (Overdrawn)	<u>£1,342 8 0</u>
	£4,761 15 11

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 6th May, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LEY WOOD , CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD HENRY WAGHORNE.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd April last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 22nd April last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Farms Management Committee- Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th April last, be approved and confirmed.

4 Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 29th April last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 22nd and 24th April last be approved and confirmed.

6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 29th April last be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meetings of the 8th and 25th April last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd April last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th April last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 19th and 24th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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11--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th April last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th April last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

13--Corporation Contracts—Pursuant to notice duly given, Councillor Merrett moved: (1) That in future in all contracts for work required for this Council preference be given whenever practicable to local tradesmen (2) That no contractor be employed unless he pays his workmen not less than the minimum standard rate of wages prevailing in Cheltenham for the time being in each branch of trade and observes the recognised hours of employment and conditions adopted in the town for each class of labour respectively and that no contractor employed by this Council shall be allowed to sublet any of the work contracted for without special permission of the Council or the Committee having charge of the work contracted for (3) That the Contractor in the event of any breach of these conditions by himself or any sub-contractor forfeit and pay to the Corporation the sum of Ten Pounds as and for liquidated damages for each and every case of such breach (4) That the terms of Clauses (2) & (3) of this resolution form part of the conditions embodied in all contracts with the Council, and (5) That the Resolution of the Council of the 4th March, 1895, be varied accordingly.

The same having been seconded by Councillor Stroud, the following amendment was proposed by Councillor Bennett, seconded by Alderman Waghorne:

That the words, " That in future in all contracts for work required for this Council " preference be given whenever practicable to local tradesmen," be deleted.

A further amendment was proposed by Councillor Waghorne, seconded by Councillor Green, as follows : " That the motion be referred to the General " Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration, and that Councillor " Merrett be invited to attend the Meeting when the same is under " consideration."

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The latter amendment having been put to the Meeting was declared by the Mayor to be carried.

14—Notice of Motion—The following Notice of Motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council was given :—

By Alderman Norman :

" That a Committee be nominated to enquire as to the advisability of applying to the Local Government Board to constitute the Borough a County Borough and to report generally upon the subject."

And that in the event of the above motion being approved, he should proceed to nominate the Committee.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Finance Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 13th May, 1907.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 7th May, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Marshall, Merrett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Estimates for Rates—The estimates for the Borough and General District Rates were considered. Resolved That the same as now settled be approved, and submitted to the Council at a meeting on the 13th inst., and if the same are then approved that a meeting of the Council be held on the 21st inst. to make the General District Rate and Order for Borough Rate accordingly.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 13th May, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN JOHN WAGHORNE.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY, COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN

KING-HARMAN RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Estimates for Rates Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting of the 7th May instant be approved and confirmed, that the estimates be approved and made accordingly, that a Statement of the General District Bate be prepared, that the Owners instead of the Occupiers be rated in cases where the rateable value of any premises does not exceed £8 10s., and that such Owner shall be assessed in respect of tenements whether occupied or unoccupied at a reduced estimate of one half.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Tuesday, the 21st May, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: JOHN WAGHORNE GEORGE NORMAN

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART.

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1—Borough Rate—Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the Borough Fund of the said Borough is insufficient for the several purposes to which the same is applicable under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, or otherwise by Law, and it having been by the said Council estimated as correctly as may be that the sum of £24,500 will in addition to the Borough Fund be sufficient for those purposes including therein the expenses of carrying into execution the Public Libraries Act, for the period ending on the 31st March next, IT IS ORDERED by the Council that a Borough Rate be now made upon all the Property rateable to the Poor within the said Borough for the purpose of raising the said sum, and for that purpose there shall be assessed and the said Council do hereby assess upon the Parish of Cheltenham which is co-extensive with the said Borough and the rateable value of the property lying therein the said sum of £24,500. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the said Council in pursuance of the said Statute that the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Cheltenham do and they are hereby required to pay the said sum of money assessed upon the said Parish out of the Poor Rates made and collected within the said Parish, AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said Overseers shall pay the said sum assessed upon the said Parish in manner following, that is to say, by six instalments, viz :--£4,000 on or before the Fifteenth day of June next ; £,4,000 on or before the

Twenty-fifth day of July next, £4,250 on or before the First day of September next, £4,000 on or before the Thirtieth day of October next, £4,000 on or before the Thirty-first day of December next, and £4,250 on or before the First day of February next, to the Treasurer of the said Borough at Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sum then the said Treasurer shall forthwith take or cause to be taken such further proceedings as the law directs.

2—General District Rate—Resolved, That a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, of three shillings and two pence in the pound on the property assessable thereto be now made, and ordered to commence and be payable at the times following, that is to say :—One moiety or half-part thereof on the 21st day of May, instant, and the other moiety or half-part thereof, to commence and be payable on the first day of October next, and to be collected accordingly, and that the Town Clerk do publish such rate according to law.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham,

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 3rd June, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 15th May, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Dorries, M. Davis, King-Harman, Pilley, and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Scarlet Fever, 2 cases of Enteric Fever, and 7 cases of Diphtheria ; and that 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 4 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 41, Sun Street and Cottage at Arle.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this Opinion, Notice be served on the owners to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 12 Hanover Street, 5 St. Mark's Place, back of 9 Hewlett Street, 8, King Street Gardens and 2, Rose and Crown Passage.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 20 and 21, Queen Street, 42, 43 & 44 Stanhope Street, 1, 2, 3, and 4, St. Peter's Place, 43 and 46, Rutland Street, 12 and 13, Victoria Place, Bath Road, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, Brunswick Buildings.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of

the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 3, Devonshire Street, 8, King Street Gardens, 43, 46 and 48, Rutland Street, and 18, Burton Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 9, St. George's Parade, 2, Somerset Cottages, Swindon Road. 9a Hewlett Street, 1, 3, and 4 Brunswick Buildings. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

7.--Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz. :—Nos. 1 & 2 Fern Cottages, Pilley Lane, & Tivoli Gardens, Tivoli Road. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default- of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

8—Destruction of Diseased Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcase and organs of a sheep slaughtered at the Abattoir, on the 25th ult., were surrendered upon representations of its unsound condition and destroyed.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st May, 1907. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, King-Harman and Stewart (The Mayor in the Chair).

9—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 2 cases of Diphtheria, and that 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

10—Cleansing and Disinfecting at The Portland Inn, Sherborne Street.--The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owners to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

11—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 17 and 18, Burton Street, and 15, St. Paul's Street, South—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

12—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 23, Albert Street, 37, 38, 40 and 41 Hungerford Street, and 10 & 11 Hamilton Place, St. Paul's Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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13—Insanitary Property—Nos. 15 and 15 ½ Sidney Street, 15, St. Paul's Street, South, and 18, Burton Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

14—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. : — Nos. 4, 18 and 19, Rodney Terrace, and 22 and 23, Stanhope Street, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them - to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

15—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles — The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 15, Sidney Street, Cottage at Arle, 3, 4 and 5 Rose and Crown Passage, and 18 Burton Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

16—Annual Conference of Sanitary Inspectors' Association--Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association, asking the Council to appoint one or more of their Inspectors as delegates to the Annual Conference of the Association to be held at Llandudno from the 16th to the 21st September next. Resolved, That Mr. Hudson, the Chief Inspector of Nuisances, be appointed to attend the Conference.

17—Hatherley Outfall Sewer- --The Chairman reported that he, with the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor, had had an interview with the Deputy Chief Engineering Inspector of the Local Government

Board on the 9th inst., and that the Board were not prepared to sanction a longer period than 15 years for a loan for reinforced concrete tubes. The Committee then considered whether the sewer should be constructed of brick or pipe. Resolved, That under the circumstances the resolution of the Council of the 4th March last provisionally accepting a tender for the construction of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer with concrete tubes be rescinded, and that the tender of Messrs. Lock, Andrews & Price, of Nottingham, for the construction of a brick sewer at a cost of £6,487 7s. 5d. be accepted subject to their entering into a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th May, 1907.—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Greer, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett, and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 60 head of cattle (including 2 calves) had been purchased for £351 18s. 0d., and the following sales had been made ;-11 pigs for £12 14s. 6d., 13 sheep for £33 14s. 10d., 3 heifers and 4 calves for £52. (Total sales, £23 0s. 4d.) One sheep had died during the month, and 8 calves and 4 lambs had been bred on the farms. The number of livestock on the 17th inst. was 12 horses and 1 colt, 192 head of cattle, 52 sheep. and 2 pigs, all doing well. 1 ton 15 cwts, 3 qrs. of mangolds and 3 tons 18 cwts. 3 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. Miscellaneous receipts for hay, mangolds, tack, grass, pea sticks, etc., £25 13s. 4d.

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He recommended that some additional pipes be obtained to complete drainage work at Barn Farm, and 100 posts for fencing. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Visit to Farm—Resolved, That the Committee visit the Farms on the 29th inst.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th May, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett, Packer and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the Chair).

3—Stable, etc., at Haydon Knoll Farm—The Committee viewed the Farms. The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for converting the barn at Haydon Knoll Farm into a 6-stall stable with loft over, and a new corn store and harness room connected with the same, at an estimated cost of £70.

Resolved, That the plan be approved, and the work carried out.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th May, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman. (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a small projecting sign had been put up by Mr. Archer in North Street. Resolved, that notice be given requiring the removal of the projection, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to take proceedings if the notice is not complied with.

Mr. J. M. Smith attended this meeting of the Committee, and expressed his willingness to alter the sign put up by him in Leighton Road, so that it would not project more than 2 feet from the face of the building. Resolved, That subject to the alteration proposed being made and to the sign being not less than 8 feet above the pavement the same be allowed to remain.

Read a letter from Mr. W. Roslington applying for permission to fix 3 projecting lamps from existing brackets outside No. 369 High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

2—St. Anne's Road—Read, a letter from the Rev. W. Fairlie Clarke asking if the Corporation would now take over St. Anne's Road as a highway. Resolved, That as soon as the private improvement expenses recently apportioned in respect of this road are paid the road be declared a highway, and notice given accordingly.

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3—America Passage—Read, a letter from Messrs. J. Lance & Co., Ltd., stating that the screen in America Passage had been erected to hide the unsightly appearance of the Albion Street end, and as a shield against the draught, a wide gangway being left for the convenience of the public. Resolved, That Messrs. Lance & Co. be informed that the screen must be removed and the two steps, and the ground restored to its former level, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings in default of this being done.

JOHN P. BENDALL, Chairman,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th May, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman. (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 26th April to the 23rd May, 1907 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Keynsham Street (1,396 super yards), Henrietta Street (1,410 super yards), Lansdown Place (4,320 super yards), Harp Hill (proceeding).

Roads Patched—Rear of Montpellier Terrace, Tryes Road, Carlton Place, Prestbury Road, King Street, Suffolk Square, St. Paul's Street South, Andover Road, Painswick Road, Grosvenor Street, Pittville Street, Portland Street, Evesham Road and Queen's Road.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Lypiatt Street, Hatherley Street, Malvern Road and Eldorado Road.

Water Trenches Repaired-3 in Gloucester Road.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Imperial Lane, Eldorado Road, Park Place, and Naunton Lane.

Footpath Paving Relaid—Gloucester Place, Albert Road, Pittville Crescent, Bath Parade, Tivoli Road, and St. George's Place.

Footpaths Gravelled—Gloucester Road (proceeding) and Naunton Lane.

Footpaths Tar Painted—Andover Road (1,222 super yards), Hatherley Road (2,743 super yards), Shelburne Road (253 super yards).

Channel Relaid—Grosvenor Street and Bath Terrace.

Private Improvement Works—Market Street: Kerbing, channelling, paving and gateway crossing.

New Water Pillar Stand-1. Gullies fixed-5. Gulley Grates renewed-3. Footpath Trough renewed-1. New Gateway crossings-2. Gateway Crossings relaid-27. Crossings renewed—2. Crossings repaired-3. Manholes raised to surface-4. Hedge pruned—Hatherley Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 23rd May, 1907, 1,013 loads collected, 875 consumed, and 173 tipped away. Weight consumed, 837 tons 15 ¼ cwts.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 16th May, 1907, 851 1/9 square yards of slabs made and 411 lineal feet of kerbs.

5—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley.

6—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 14th and 24th inst. Resolved. That the same be approved and adopted.

7—Street Projections—Read, an application from Mr. R. H. Graver, of No. 323, High Street, stating that he had taken over the Lower High Street Post Office, and applying for permission to place a small projecting sign with the words " Post Office " thereon underneath his present sign. Resolved, That permission be given subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

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The Street Inspector reported that 2 small projecting signs had been erected at 272, High Street without permission. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings if the signs are not at once removed. The Street Inspector also reported that the three projecting lamps erected outside No 369 High Street projected more than 2 feet. Resolved, That the occupiers be required to alter the lamps so as to comply with the conditions on which permission was granted for their erection.

8—Slab Factory—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved. That the offer of Mr. J. Riley to sell a mortar mill for about £25, and about 100 yards of portable railway lines at 2s 3d per yard be accepted.

9—Seat in Gloucester Road—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Unwin, of Arle Court, asking for the removal of a public seat near the Brooklands, Gloucester Road. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot accede to the request.

10—Winstonian Road--The Town Clerk reported that a notice declaring Winstonian Road (from Glenfall Street to All Saints' Road, a length of 803 feet) to be a highway had been duly posted and advertised, and that no objection had been made thereto. Resolved. That the notice be recorded on the Minutes.

11—Tree near St. Deny's, Queen's Road—Read, a letter from the Rev. C. F. Bickmore asking for the removal of a dead tree in front of his house, St. Deny's, Queen's Road. Resolved, That the request be complied with.

12—Ash Destructor—The Borough Surveyor reported that five tenders had been sent in. He had consulted with the Electrical Engineer, and they both agreed that it was desirable to utilize the heat generator to provide steam for the Electric Works, but he had not received the tenders in time to fully go into the figures or to settle with the Electrical Engineer as to the proportion of the cost which should be paid by the Electricity Department.

Resolved, That the consideration be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer to go into the matter, and for the scheme to be considered by the Electricity and Lighting Committee,

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th May, 1907, Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall and King-Harman. (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
527	Cement Products, Ltd, (Bowens Patent)	Additions to Workshops, Albion Street.
528	R. Pearce	House in Hewlett Road, corner of All Saints' Terrace.
529	F. Willett	2 Semi-detached Cottages, junction of New Street and Knapp Road.
530	J. D. Bendall	4 semi-detached houses, Fairfield Park Road.
531	S. G. Adcock	New washhouses, 106 & 107 Tewkesbury Road.

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No. of Plan	Name	Description
532	J. W. Curl	2 semi-detached houses, Hayward's Lane.
533	Miss Beaumont	Additions to Vittoria House, Vittoria Walk.
534	F. Hicks	Additions to Sandfield House, Leckhampton Road.
535	A. Rogerson	New W.C. and Lavatory, Fleurville, Ashford Road.
523	E. A. Trapnell	Motor House, Thirlestaine Lodge, Thirlestaine Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nod, 527, 528, 530, 533, 534, 535 and 523 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 529, 531, and 542 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 24th May, 1907. Present : Councillors Baker and Bendall, (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
529	F. Willett	2 semi-detached cottages, New Street and Knapp Road.
531	S. G. Adcock	New wash-houses to 106 and 107 Tewkesbury Road.
532	J. W. Curl	2 semi-detached houses, Hayward's Lane.
536	H. G. Norman	Printing Works, Rose & Crown Passage (amended plans)
537	H. J. Waine	New Scullery and W.C., No. 2 Sandfield Road.
538	Young & Gilling	New Shop Front, Gainsborough House, Promenade.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 529, 531 and 536 be approved, that plans Nod, 532 be approved, subject to the owner setting back the front fence to a line 36 feet from the hedge on the opposite side of the road, that Plans Nos. 537 be approved, subject to any alterations to the present or proposed drains required by the Sanitary Inspector being carried out to his satisfaction, and that Plans Nos. 538 be approved, subject to the usual agreement of indemnity as to the pavement lights being entered into.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 3rd May, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—The Committee discussed certain details of the Water Department, and made recommendations.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 7th May, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

2—The Committee appointed delegates to visit Pittville, and after some conversation made recommendations as to general discipline.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman

A Meeting of Delegates appointed by this Committee was held at Pittville on Friday, the 10th May, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Green in the Chair).

3—They examined and reported.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 17th May, 1907. Present :—Councillors Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

4—The report of delegates was received and confirmed. After some conversation on Mineral Waters, the staff of the Borough Surveyor was discussed and recommendations made. After conversation on the Water Department, the Committee fixed the date of their next meeting.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1907—Present : Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Damage to Sundial, Pittville Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sundial recently fixed at Pittville Park had been damaged, and Superintendent Hopkins reported as the result of enquiries that the damage had been committed by two boys named Sidney Brunt and Vernon Crease. The cost of repairing the damage would be about 40s Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings before the justices.

2—Disorderly Conduct at Pittville—The Borough Surveyor having reported that a youth named E. Baldwin had been guilty of disorderly conduct at Pittville recently, the latter attended this meeting to offer an apology for his conduct, and was reprimanded by the Chairman, and informed that if there were any further complaints as to his conduct proceedings would be taken.

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3—Clarence Square Gardens—Read, a letter from Col. Noake complaining of the breach of byelaws regulating the enclosed garden in Clarence Square by the riding of bicycles therein Resolved, That Col. Noake be informed that instructions have been given to the gardeners to report any breach of the byelaws, and in any case in which proper evidence is obtainable proceedings will be taken.

4—Use of Marle Hill Lake by College Boating Club—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham College Boating Club applying for permission to use the boats on Marle Hill Lake this year on payment of £5 5s. 0d. as in previous year. Resolved. That the application be granted,

5—Advertising Read. a letter from the London agent for the " Times of India," applying for the renewal of the advertisement of Cheltenham in the Weekly Mail Edition of that jasper, the charge being 2s 6d per insertion. He also that the advertisement might advantageously be inserted in their Illustrated Weekly Edition, the cost being 2s per insertion. Resolved. That the advertisements be inserted in both editions accordingly.

6—Estimate of Expenditure—The Committee again considered the Estimate made by them of their expenditure for the current financial year in view of the reduction made in the same by the Council, and eliminated certain proposed works in order to bring the estimate within the limits imposed by the Council.

Resolved, That the Public Health Committee be invited to meet this Committee with a view to the provision of necessary lavatory accommodation for the public in the neighbourhood of Montpellier Gardens.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING. COMMITTEE.

At. a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th May, 1907. Present—Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 15th and 16th inst. he had tested the gas for purity, the number of grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet being 22.

2—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 14th inst. there were 904 consumers, with an equivalent of 60,859 eight candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 867 and 58,532 respectively.

3—Offices—The tenders, 5 in number, received for the alterations and additions at the Manchester Street Sub-Station were considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned for a report from the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer on the matter,

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4 — Tenders for Coal—The following tenders for the supply of coal required at the Works for 6 or 12 months were considered:—

[continued below]

NAME	ADDRESS	COLLIERY	6 MONTHS' CONTRACT		12 MONTHS' CONTRACT	
			DELIVERY AT RAILWAY WORKS		DELIVERY AT RAILWAY WORKS	
FOREST COALS-						
Pates & Co.	Cheltenham	Crump Meadow	10s 3d	11s 3d	10s 3d	11s 3d
Powell, Gwinnell & Co.	D[itt]o.	Parkend	10s 9d	11s 3d	10s 9d	11s d3
Critchlow & Sheppard	Do.	Lydbrook	12s 2d	...	12s	...
Webb Bros., Ltd.	Do.	Norchard	...	12s 1 ½d	12s 1 ½d	...
Do.	Do.	Princess Royal	...	12s 3d	12s 3d	...
Do.	Do.	Dark Hill & Princess R'l _	12s 3d	...	12s 3d	...
Jarrett, Edgar	Lydney	Princess Royal	12s 3d	...	12s 3d	...
Nott, A. H.	Cheltenham	Princess Royal	...	12s 9d	...	12s 9d
Lowell, Baldwin & Co.	Bristol	Parkend Deep	10s 7d	...	10s 7 ½d	...
Down, F. P. & Co.	Cardiff	Crump	10s 6d	...	...	...
MIDLAND COALS-						
Nott, A. H.	Cheltenham	Cannock Chase	...	...	...	11s 4d
Do.	Do.	Kingsbury	...	...	...	12s 8d
Do.	Do.	Aldridge	...	...	...	13s 4d
Do.	Do.	Valley	...	14s 8d	...	14s 8d
Myers, Rose & Co.	London	Round Oak	9s 5d	...	9s 5d	...
Do.	Do.	Corbyn Hall Slack	10s 11d	...	10s 11d	...
Do.	Do.	Corbyn Hall Smudge	8s	...	8s-	...
Powell, Gwinnell & Co.	Cheltenham	Bromley	9s 9d	10s 6d	9s 9d	10s 6d
Do.	Do.	Bromley Special	10s 9d	11s 6d	10s 9d	11s 6d
Kaye, Son & Co.	London	Stockingford	11s 5d	...	11s 3d	...
Do.	Do.	Great Wyrley	12s 1d	...	11s 11d	...
Do.	Do.	Norton Cannock	12s 5d	...	12s 3d	...
Do.	Do.	Exhall	12s 7d	...	12s 5d	...
WELSH COAL-						
Cory Bros. & Co.	Cardiff	Rheola Merthyr	...	...	14s 10d	...

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

5---Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received applications for electric supply to Inishowen, Langton Grove Road, Charlton Kings Eastington, Eldorado Crescent and 1, Edward Place, Shurdington Road, necessitating, if complied with, extensions of mains at a cost of £13, £18, and £14 10s. respectively. Resolved, That the extensions be made and supply given subject to the applicants agreeing to guarantee an annual return of £4, £3 and £3 12s. respectively for 3 years, these amounts being fixed having regard to the length of service required.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th May, 1907. Present: Councillors Bennett, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

6—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the results Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned.

7—Proposed Siding for Electric Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported bile terms on which the Midland and Midland South Western Junction Railway Companies were willing to agree to the construction of a siding to the Electric Works. Resolved. That the further consideration be adjourned for the Borough Electrical Engineer to prepare specification and estimate of the cost of the necessary works on the Corporation property.

8—Ash Destructor—Read, the Report submitted by the Borough Surveyor to the Street and Highway Committee at their meeting yesterday as to the proposed additions to the Ash Destructor, and the utilisation of the same for providing steam for the Electric Works. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to go into the matter with the Borough Surveyor, and report thereon.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th May, 1907. Present :—Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

9—Tenders for Coal—The tenders received were further considered. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Webb Bros., Ltd., for the supply of Norchard Coal at 12s 1 ½d per ton, for 6 months from the 1st proximo be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into by them and their sureties.

10—Expenditure—Resolved. That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to submit at each Monthly Meeting of this Committee an approximate statement of the requirements of his Department for the following month.

11—Offices—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had asked Messrs. Billings, Messrs. Malvern, and Mr. Skemp, the lowest of the seven tenders sent in, to revise their tenders in accordance with the alterations made by the Committee at their last meeting and he now submitted revised tenders as follows :

A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd.	£404
C. Malvern & Sons	£399
R. R. Skemp	£396

The Committee further considered the plans and it was decided not to alter the windows in front and to leave the side elevation as at present, but to provide an additional window at the back in the Engineer's Room. It was also decided to construct a fire proof floor over the Sub-Station.

The Borough Surveyor estimated that in view of these alterations deductions should be made from Mr. Skemp's tender, which would reduce the amount to £380, including a provisional sum of £45 for entrance and splayed window. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. R. R. Skemp, being the lowest, be accepted subject to his agreeing to deduce his tender to £380.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd May, 1907.—Present Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green, Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:-

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 20th May, 1907,	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	146,880 gallons	174,900 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	609,504 "	589,190 "
Leckhampton	21,600 "	not gauged.
Total	777,984 "	764,090 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	May 20th, 1907.		May 20th, 1906.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	---	26,239,320 galls	---	14,910,907 gallons
Leckhampton	Shut off for repairs and cleaning		9ft. 2in.	1,238,205 "
Dowdeswell	23ft. 7in.	59,468,080 galls	28ft. 2in.	80,501,594 "
	Total Storage	85,707,400 "		96,650,706 "

Extensions of mains had been made from Swindon Hall to Hyde Road, Swindon (758 yards) and in Parabola Road (48 yards).

2—Tewkesbury Works—The Borough Engineer submitted plans of the necessary additions to the Works at Tewkesbury for the accommodation of the new engine. He also recommended that a proper coal store should be provided. Resolved, That tenders for the work be advertised for.

3—No. 1 Bath Street -The Borough Engineer reported that repairs were necessary to the roof, chimneys, &c., of No. 1 Bath Street, the estimated cost of which was £40. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the work carried out.

4—Supply of Coal for Tewkesbury Works—Resolved, That tenders for the supply of 6 or 9 months' supply of coal commencing the end of June next for the Tewkesbury Works be advertised for.

5--Land at Tewkesbury--The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. Smith, the tenant of the land at Tewkesbury, belonging to the Corporation, desired to continue as tenant of the land near the Water Tower only and offered a rent of £5 per annum. Resolved, That this offer be accepted and that the remaining land near the Works be advertised to let in a Tewkesbury paper.

6—Land in Keynsham Road—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. J. Moore the new tenant of a piece of land in Keynsham Road, was willing to contribute 50s, about half the cost of the fence necessary to replace the present one, on condition that if the Corporation should determine his tenancy during the next 2 years he should be repaid his contribution. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

7—Water supply to Cottages in Leckhampton Road—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement between the Leckhampton Quarries Co. and the Corporation in settlement of dispute as to the right of

the Company to a free supply of water to their two cottages, near the reservoir, and also to their works and stables, which had for many

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years been obtained from a pipe leading from the reservoir. Under this agreement, the supply would be limited to water required for domestic purposes to the 2 cottages only. The supply from the existing pipe was very wasteful, and this would be removed and a supply given from the adjoining water main. Resolved, That the agreement be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

8-Hone v. Corporation—The Town Clerk submitted draft Minutes of order, and the same were approved.

9-Appeals—The easements entered into the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st May, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

Corporation Contracts—Councillor Merrett attended this Meeting and the motion proposed by him at the last quarterly Meeting of the Council on the subject of Corporation Contracts was considered. Resolved. That the following Clauses be inserted in all contracts for works to be executed for the Corporation :-

1. The Contractor shall pay to all workmen engaged upon the work the subject of the Contract not less than the standard rate of wages current in each branch of the trade in the District where such work shall be carried out. He shall also observe the hours and regulations of employment for the time being recognized and in force between employers and employed in such District. If there shall be any breach of this condition by the Contractor or by his Sub-Contractor (if any) the Contractor shall pay to the Corporation, for each and every such breach, the sum of £2, as and for liquidated damages, which sum, or sums, may be deducted by the Corporation from any sum due, or to become due to the Contractor, or may be recovered by action at law.

2. The Contractor shall not, without the consent in writing, of the Engineer, Architect or Surveyor, given with the authority of the Council or the Committee having charge of the work, assign or underlet his contract or any part thereof. The usual penalty clause in the Contract to apply to every breach of this condition.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out during the past month, as follows :—On the 2nd instant to a fire at Farm Cottages, Swindon Lane. Damage £100. Extinction expenses, £12 2s, On the 8th instant, to the Lower Farm, Bishop's Cleeve. Damage £5. Brigade expenses, £4 19s. On the 17th instant, to No. 1 Bayshill Lawn. Damage £25. Extinction expenses, £3 8s. In each case the property was insured.

3—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported an outbreak of swine fever upon premises at Farm Cottage, Lower Alstone. Of the 12 pigs on the premises, 4 pigs died and were buried by the owner without notification, 1 had since been killed by direction of the Board of Agriculture, the remaining 7 being apparently healthy. He had commenced proceedings against the occupier of the premises for his failure to notify the presence of the disease as required by the Acts.

4—Pony Carriages—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. H. A. Sumner and other licensed carriage proprietors and drivers. asking that the pony carriages at present licensed to carry 4 persons be licensed to carry 5 persons, exclusive of the driver, and that the fares be also made to correspond. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the council to comply with the request.

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5—Fruit Market—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the proposed position of the building to be erected at the Market for the further accommodation of the Market Gardeners Association. Resolved, That the position be approved.

6---Flag Staff for Town Hall--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fix a flag staff on the Town Hall, at a cost of about

7--Town Hall—Read, a letter from Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co., suggesting that a plan of the seating accommodation at the Town Hall, should be prepared and printed for the convenience of those engaging the hall for concerts and meetings. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan accordingly.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Wednesday, the 15th May, 1907. Present :—Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham, Councillor Davies, Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson, (Alderman Winterbotham in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 936 visits to the Art Gallery since the 10th ult. Major Becher had lent a small collection of snail shells for exhibition in the Museum.

It was suggested that a further loan should be obtained from the South Kensington Museum. Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to visit South Kensington, and arrange for a further loan exhibit, and that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Major Becher for the loan made by him.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 30th May, 1907. Present :—Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies, Marshall, Stroud and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the Chair).

2—Opening of Museum—The Curator reported that Councillor Marshall and he visited the South Kensington Museum on the 16th inst., and had arranged for a loan exhibit of antique arms and

luminous pottery. He had also received offers of loans of 28 pictures for the Art Gallery. Resolved, That the Museum be opened to the public on the 20th pros.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 17th May, 1907. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Norman,

Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts ...	£29 16 7	Payments ...	£36 14 7
Rent of Shop	£12 0 0	Interest & Redemption	
		(proportion of) ...	<u>£44 3 5</u>
	£41 16 7		£80 18 0

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:-

Receipts	£25 2 5	Payments ...	£21 10 4
		Interest & Redemption	
		proportion of	<u>£27 2 3</u>
	£25 2 5		£48 12 7

3—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported the arrangements he had provisionally made for the attendance of a qualified masseur and masseuse at the Montpellier Baths to administer Aix Douche and other medical baths when required. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the charge to be made for an Aix Douche bath be 5s, and for a Vapour Bath, 2s 6d.

4—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, an application from the Hon. Sec., Naunton Park Football Club, for permission to play at Naunton Park next season. Resolved, That the same be acceded to, subject to the usual conditions.

Read, an application from the Aston Rangers Association Football Club for permission to play at the Whaddon Lane Ground. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned.

5—Cricket at Whaddon Lane Ground—Read, an application from Mr. H. Dartnall, for permission for the Dunalley Street Council School Cricket Club to play on the Whaddon Lane Ground. Resolved, That the application be not granted, in view of the number of clubs already playing there.

6—Old Cemetery—Read, an application from Mr. H. Wilkins, for the usual grant of £10 towards the cost of maintaining a portion of the Old Cemetery as an open space for use by the inhabitants in the neighbourhood. Resolved, That £10 be granted.

7---Clocks—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase a clock and bracket for the Montpellier Baths and also for the Central Spa, the price of each clock not to exceed 30s

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th May, 1907. Present :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Merrett and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent made application for the usual supply of bedding-out plants for the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply plants to the value of £5.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved : Headstones to graves of Joseph Denley and Annie Eliza Davis. Memorial Crosses to graves of Colonel John Stevenson, Marie Burdett and Amos Tearle. Kerbings to graves of Lucy Pennycuick and Jane White.

3—Grass at Cemetery—Resolved, That the offer of £4 made by Mr. E. Minett for the grass at the Cemetery this year be accepted.

4—Inspection Meeting—Resolved, To visit the Cemetery on the 5th prox.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th May, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, King-Harman, Margrett, Marshall, Pilley and Stewart, Revs, J. Evans, and A. Beynon Phillips, Baron de Ferrieres, Messrs. 4. Beckingsale, Cresswell, C. Hayward, F. Parsons, and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Marshall in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £1 17s. 9d. Presentations :—Trustees of British Museum, 6 vols. and 2 pamphlets ; University College of Wales, 1 vol. : J. L. Butler, 13 vols. The issues from the Reference and Lending Departments numbered 1,306 and 8,570 respectively, as compared with 1,000 and 8,795 during the corresponding month last year, when the Library was open one day longer than this year

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th inst. Present Councillors Bennett, King-Harman, Marshall (Chairman) and Merrett, and Rev. J. Evans. They recommended that a number of worn-out books be replaced at a cost of about £6, and also that a selection of books from the list now submitted be purchased at a cost of about £4, and that an application from a junior assistant at the Library for an increase of salary be not granted. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Blacking-out Betting News—Resolved. That the resolution of this Committee of the 18th July, 1905, directing that betting news should be blacked out of the newspapers placed in the Reading Room be rescinded.

R. EEDE MARSHALL, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th May, 1907. Present: Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £1,181 11s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £21,721 3s. 1d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £1,089 16s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £10,522 16s. 5d.

3—Audit of Accounts—The Town Clerk reported that the audit of the Corporation Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1907, would commence on the 11th inst. at 10 a.m. at the Municipal Offices.

4—Borough Accountant's Staff--The Borough Accountant reported that the junior clerk in his office, Mr. R. E. Lloyd, had resigned upon appointment to a similar position under the Education Committee. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to engage another clerk in his place.

5—Electricity Capital Accounts—The Report made by the Borough Accountant on the Capital Accounts of the Electricity Undertaking was further considered. Resolved. That the Committee approve, the report and recommendations made therein, that notice be given to the Norwich Corporation to repay the £10,000 at present borrowed from them at 3 7/8 per cent., and that subject to any proposal to be made by the Electricity and Lighting Committee upon consideration of the Report, the Borough Accountant be authorised to interview the Local Government Board with a view to the carrying out of the recommendations.

6—Loans—The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity and Lighting Committee desired that the sum of £1689, unexpended balance of the loan of £17,200, borrowed from the Local Loans Commissioners for Electric Lighting purposes should be applied towards the cost of the additional generating plant, for which application had been made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan for £6,825 instead of being applied towards the cost of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer. Resolved. That application be made to the Local Government Board and the Local Loans Commissioners for their consent to this balance being appropriated for this purpose, and that the amount of the loan for which application had been made should be reduced by the like amount and that the loan for £4,262 sanctioned for the Hatherley Outfall Sewer should be increased to £5,951.

7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 30th April last	£ 4,761 15 11	
Received since that date	£ <u>5,247 11 6</u>	
	£10,009 7 5	
Paid since that date (including Loan of £1000 paid off)		<u>£9,322 1 11</u>
	In hand	£ 687 5 6
Being Sinking Funds (in hand)	£6,439 16 7	
General Accounts (Overdrawn)	<u>£5,752 11 1</u>	
	£ 687 5 6	

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd June, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN, CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 6th, 13th and 21st May last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Stewart :—That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 21st May last, be approved and confirmed.

To this the following amendment was proposed by Councillor Margrett, seconded by Councillor Green : That the Resolution to Minute No. 17 (Hatherley Outfall Sewer) be amended as follows :

That the portion of the resolution from " the tender of " to " £6,487 7s. 5d." both inclusive be deleted, and that the following words be substituted therefor: " the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., of " Cheltenham, for the construction of a pipe sewer at a cost of £5817 4s. 0d." Upon this amendment being put to the Meeting the names of the Members of the Council voting for and against were taken down by the Town Clerk, as follows:

For—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Green, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, Packer, Pilley and Steel (11).

Against—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Davies, Gridley, King-Harman and Stewart (5).

The Mayor having declared the amendment carried, the resolution as so amended was put and declared carried.

3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meetings of the 17th and 29th May last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 27th May last, be approved and confirmed.—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd May last be approved and confirmed.

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6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th, 27th and 29th May last be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 23rd May last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st, May last, be approved and confirmed.

9--Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 30th May last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th May last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th May last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th May last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

13--Constitution as County Borough—On the motion of Alderman Norman, of which due notice had been given, It was Resolved, That a Committee be nominated to enquire as to the advisability of applying to the Local Government Board to constitute the Borough a County Borough and to report generally upon the subject.

Resolved, also, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be the Committee to enquire and report accordingly. Mayor

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Corporation Central Depot, St. James' Square, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 7th June, 1907, at 10.30 a.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE).

ALDERMAN GEORGE NORMAN.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY, COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LEY WOOD RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART.

1-Chairman--In the absence of the Mayor at the commencement of the meeting, Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

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2—Annual Licensing of Hackney Carriages—The Council granted the renewal of 78 One Horse Fly Licences, 1 Hansom Cab Licence, 18 Pony Carriage Licences, 20 Wheel Chair Licences, and 140 Drivers' Licences. Five applicants for licences to drive hackney carriages appeared before the Council and were granted licences. The fees received for these licences amounted to £33 13s. 0d.

An application for a transfer of hackney Carriage Licence, No. 59, from Mr. C. Puff to Mr. Joseph Smith was referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

3—Notice of Motion—Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—

That after the 31st December, 1907, no payment for travelling or other expenses be made by the Corporation to any Member of the Council or any Official in respect of his attendance at Meetings—Annual or other-wise—of any Association, Conference or Convention ; and that the resolution to Minute No. 8, of the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the 28th March, 1892, approved by the Council on the 4th April, 1892, sanctioning certain allowances to Members and Officers, shall not apply to any such meetings or gatherings. Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on. Monday, the 1st July, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th June, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Davies, King-Harman Pilley and Stewart (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 13 cases of Diphtheria, and 2 of Erysipelas, and that 10 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 41, Upper Norwood Street, 21, Henrietta Street, 8, Rutland Street, 9, Hungerford Street and 63, Upper Norwood Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at 20 and 21 Queen Street, 22, 32 and 33, Worcester Street, and Stone Cottage, Swindon Road, 2, 3, 4, 16, 24, 23, 43, and 46, Rutland Street, and 1 & 2, Cottage Place, Rutland Street. — The Inspector of Nuisances having made Written application under Section 41 of the Public the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 41, 61, 62, 63 and 64 Upper Norwood Street, 8 Rutland Street, and 42 Bloomsbury Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : 41, Upper Norwood Street, 59 Sun Street, 16 Rutland Street, and 7 & 20 Bloomsbury Street. — Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. — Haddonhurst, Grosvenor Street, 129, Fairview Road, 19, and 20, Selkirk Street, Berkeley House, Berkeley Street, and 2, Oriel Terrace be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the

houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

7—Destruction of Unsound Food—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 6th inst. 126 lbs. of cod fish were surrendered as unsound and unfit for human food, and were destroyed, and on the 7th inst a quantity of condensed milk, tinned provisions, jam and sauce, had been discovered to be in an unsound condition and unfit for consumption, and were surrendered by the owner and destroyed.

8—Rodney Terrace Sewer—The Town Clerk reported that he had now received the sanction of the Local Government Board to a loan of £500 for the reconstruction of this sewer, repayable within a period of 30 years from the date of borrowing.

9—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—Resolved, That arrangements be made with the Contractor for the work to be started in July, and that the Chairman, Councillors M. Davis and Col. King-Harman be appointed a sub-committee to give any instructions, which may be necessary in regard to matters of detail during the progress of the work.

10—St. Paul's Sewers—The Borough Surveyor reported that he thought it was desirable that the new surface water sewer being laid down in Marle Hill Road should be carried across the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground so as to discharge into Pittville Lake. This could be done at a cost of £30. Resolved, That this be approved.

11—International Housing Congress—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Permanent International Housing Committee stating that an International Housing Congress would be held for the first time in Great Britain in August next, and inviting delegates from the Town Council. It was anticipated that the President of the Local Government Board would officially welcome the delegates, and that many governments would be represented at the Congress. The subscription for copy of proceedings and ticket for each delegate would be £1 1s 0d.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th June, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, King-Harman, and Pilley (The Mayor in the chair).

12—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 1 case of Enteric Fever had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee.

13—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 22 Rutland Street, 34, Upper Norwood Street, 5 Sherborne Place, 17 Burton Street, 1, 2 & 3 Westfield Villas, Rowanfield Lane.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 22 and 23 Rutland Street, 12 Albert Street, 40 and 41 Hungerford Street, White Horse Inn, and 2 Regent Place, Swindon Road —The inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875 stating that the

drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drain,, and report to the Committee.

15—Insanitary Property—Nos. 3, 4 & 5 Elm Cottages, Swindon Road, 28, Hermitage Street, 22 and Rutland Street, 23 Russell Street, and 1, 2, and 3 Westfield Villas, Rowanfield Lane—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates Owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given to the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

16—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles - 'The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Glyngarth and Edgefield, Leckhampton Pow], Nos. 19 & 29 Upper Norwood Street, and Hazlecroft, Upper Norwood Street. Resolved. That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

17—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz.:—No.: 21 Suffolk Parade, 34 & 35 All Saints' Road, 31 Leighton Road, & 7 Bath Parade he required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

18—Delancey Hospital—Annexe—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the roof of the annexe at the Delancey Hospital which was now temporarily in use was defective in several places, and required immediate attention. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th June 1907.—Present The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel: (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 20 head cattle (including, 2 calves) had been purchased for £227 19s. 6d., and 4 heifers and 5 calves had been sold for £89 17s. 0d. A colt had been bred on the farms, but had since died, and £7 had been received from the Insurance Company. The number of livestock on the farms on the 14th inst. was 12 horses and 1 colt, 203 head of cattle, 52 sheep, and 2 pigs, all doing fairly well. 4 tons 10 cwts 1 qr. of hay and 1 ton 18 cwts. of mangolds had been delivered to the Central Depot, and 1 load of manure to Pittville. Miscellaneous receipts, 16s 6d.

He recommended the purchase of a new knife for mowing machine, ropes, rakes, hand saw and harness. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

2—Shooting over Farms—Read, letters from Messrs. Ticehursts, Mcllquham & Wyatt, on behalf of Mr. Bingham, and from Mr. G. Mcllquham, stating their willingness to take the shooting at the Barn and Hayden Farms respectively for one year from the 1st ult. on the same terms as last year. Resolved, That the offers be accepted.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th June, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon,, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that projections had been placed outside the Fleece Hotel and Oriel House, Bath Road, by Mr. Revell and Mr. H. A. McLaren respectively without permission having been first obtained. Resolved. That notices be given requiring the removal of the projections, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to take proceedings if the notices are not complied with.

2--Footpath Opposite Nos. 1 and 2 Edward Street—Read, a letter from Mr. D. Turner calling attention to the condition of this footpath. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to give the matter his attention.

3—Lansdown Road—Read, letters from Miss Hawkshaw and Mrs. Eaton complaining of the dust in Lansdown Road. Resolved, That they be informed that it is intended to have the road tar painted to remedy the nuisance.

4—Ash Destructor—Read, a further report from the Borough Surveyor upon the scheme for combined Ash Destructor and Steam raising plant. Resolved, That the same be considered at a Joint Meeting of this Committee and the Electricity and Lighting Committee.

5—Conference of Association of Municipal and County Engineers—The Borough Engineer reported that the Annual Conference of this Association would be held at Liverpool on the 20th, 21st and 22nd June. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be appointed to attend the Conference.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th June, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th May to the 20th June, 1907 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Harp Hill (portion), 5,262 super yards), Montpellier Wide Opening (1,292 super yards), Carlton Place (717 super yards), Montpellier Walk (1,050 super yards), Promenade (4,137 super yards), Bayshill Road (proceeding).

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Roads Patched—Glencairn Park Road, Millbrook Street, Market Street, Coach Road, Gratton Street, Grafton Road, and Carlton Street.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—1 in St. George's Road, 1 in Rodney Road, 1 in Bath Road, 1 in Suffolk Square, 2 in Clarence Square, 1 in High Street, 1 in Evesham Road and 1 in Sandford Road.

Water Trenches Repaired—In High Street. Sewer Trenches Repaired—St. Anne's Terrace and Hewlett Street.

Gas Trenches Repaired—St. Anne's Terrace and St. Philip's Street. Roads Tar Painted—Queen's Road (6,952 super yards). Footpath Tar Painted—Hale's Road (490 super yards). Footpaths Gravelled—Hewlett Road (325 super yards), Gloucester Road from Lansdown Castle to Fidler's Lane (3,713 super yards)

Footpath Paving Repaired—Oriel Road, St. George's Road, St. Paul's Street South, Granville Street, Brunswick Street, Hewlett Street, Fairview Road, Imperial Square, and Ashford lead.

New Slab Paving Laid—Carlton Street (393 super yards), Edward Place (49 ½ super yards). Paving Relaid—Carlton Street (30 super yards).

Private Improvement Works—Whitehart Street (completed). Channel Relaid—Albion Street, Ashford Road, Fairview Road, King Street, Sandford Road and St. George's Place, Carlton Street (95 lineal yards).

New Channel fixed—Carlton Street (177 lineal yards). New Kerb fixed—Carlton Street (45 lineal yards). Kerb Relaid—Carlton Street (200 lineal yards). Crossings renewed—3. Gateway Crossings relaid—14. Crossings repaired—3. Gullies renewed—3. Gully Drain renewed—Wellington Street (46 lineal yards). Surface Water Culvert repaired—Hale's Road. Surface Water Drainage—Pittville Lawn (proceeding).

Trees pruned—Blenheim House, 15 Royal Crescent, Evesham House, Promenade, Christ Church Road, Queen's Road, Lansdown Road, Overton Road, Gloucester Road, St. George's Road, Fauconberg Road, Montpellier Street, Montpellier Spa Buildings, Oriel Road, Rodney Road, Vittoria. Walk, Montpellier Drive, Montpellier Parade, Promenade, Imperial Square, College Road, Keynsham Road, High Street, Sydenham Roads North and South, Sydenham Villas Road, Hale's Road, Cranham Road, Battledown Approach, Hatherley Lawn, Boys' Orphanage, St. Margaret's Road, Columbia Place, Lewes Cottage, 8 and 9 Montpellier Terrace, and Elmfield.

Dead Trees felled—Queen's Road, High Street. Hedge pruned—Hatherley Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 20th June, 1907, 1,045 loads collected, 907 consumed, and 138 tipped away. Weight consumed, 838 tons 14 ½ cwts.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 13th June, 1907, 906 square yards of slabs made.

7—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Councillors Baker and Bendall.

8—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 11th and 21st inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

9—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—Road at back of Grange Crescent and Alstone Avenue—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in the road at the back of Grange Crescent and Alstone Avenue had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £280 7s. 11d., which amount he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved. That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand for repayment be served upon the owners of the premises mentioned therein.

10—Footpath in St. George's Road—Read, a letter from Alderman Norman calling attention at the request of many residents in St. George's Road to the condition of the paving on the North side of the road between York Terrace and the Railway bridge. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to re-pave a portion the footpath with concrete slabs.

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11—Repair of Railway Wagons—The Borough Surveyor reported that the contract for the maintenance and repair of the 10 Corporation railway wagons would expire on the 30th instant, and he submitted tenders he had obtained from the Gloucester Wagon Co. and the Midland Wagon Co. He also reported that unless the present wagons were provided with spring buffers they could not be used after 1913, and he recommended that the wagons be at once altered accordingly, and that the tender of the Gloucester Wagon Co. for this work at £12 per wagon be accepted. If this were done the Company would maintain the wagons for 10s each per annum less than the present amount of their contract. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted, and that the tender of the Gloucester Wagon Co. for the alterations to the wagons and for their maintenance afterwards for the sum of £4 per wagon per annum be accepted, the contract for maintenance to be for a period of 10 years from the 30th instant.

12—Trees in Promenade, Montpellier Drive and Keynsham Road—Read, letters from Col. Cooch, Mrs. Batt and Mrs. Eustace asking for the lopping of trees near their houses in Promenade, Montpellier Drive and Keynsham Road respectively. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

13—Wellington Passage—Read, a letter from Mr. C. Dickens asking that Wellington Passage should be put into a proper state of repair. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the street at their next view meeting.

14—Road from Bath Road to "Karenza."—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Morgan, complaining of the condition in which this road had been left after the Corporation had carried out some drainage works there recently. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary.

15—America Passage—The Mayor having reported the result of a conference between representatives of Messrs. Lance & Co., and other owners of property abutting on America Passage,

on the subject of the obstructions recently placed by Messrs. Lance & Co. therein. Resolved, That the Council see no reason to alter their previous resolution, and that Messrs. Lance & Co. be informed that the obstructions must be at once removed.

16—Buildings at rear of No. 4, Christ Church Villas.—The Borough Surveyor having reported that a stable and coach house had been erected at the rear of No. 4, Christ Church Villas, no plans of the same having been submitted, and the bye-laws being in other respects contravened, Resolved, That notice be given to the owner requiring him to show cause why such buildings should not be removed.

17—Street Projections—Resolved. That the Light Railway Company be required to refix the notice board attached to a standard in North Street so that the same shall be at least 10 feet above the pavement.

18—Refuse Destructor—Tenders and designs from five firms for the erection of a new Refuse Destructor were considered by the Committee, together with Reports from the Borough Engineer and the Borough Electrical Engineer on the utilization of the heat generated by the Destructor for raising steam for the Electricity Works and Slab Factory.

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Heenan & Froude, of Manchester, for the erection of a Refuse Destructor and Steam raising plant, and a building to accommodate same for the sum of £4,266 be accepted, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to a loan.

Resolved. also, That application be made to the Local Government Board to increase the loan already applied for to £3,400, the total cost of the work being estimated by the Borough Engineer at £4,600, the balance of £1,200 for the cost of new boiler and pipework to be provided out of the loan already sanctioned by the Local Government Board for the purposes of the Electricity Undertaking.

19—A conference was held with the Electricity and Lighting Committee to arrange as to the apportionment of the capital cost and maintenance of the plant between the Highway Department and the Electricity Undertaking, and it was Resolved, That the following terms be agreed to :—

(a) That all steam not required by the Destructor, Slab Factory and Disinfector, shall be utilized for the Electricity Undertaking.

(b) That the Electricity Undertaking shall be charged with the sum of per annum, including in that sum the payments for Sinking Fund and interest on the loan required for the boiler and pipework.

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(c) That all repairs to the Destructor which can be carried out by the staff of the Electricity Undertaking shall be carried out at cost price, and that no charge shall be made to the Highway Department for the Electric Light required for the Destructor and Slab Factory.

(d) That the cost of the maintenance and repair of the Destructor be charged to the Highway Department, including all labour necessary for the ordinary working of the same, the Electricity Undertaking being charged with the cost of any additional labour incurred solely for that Undertaking; and

(e) That the cost of the maintenance and cleaning of the boiler be charged to the Electricity Undertaking.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th June, 1907. Present : Councillors Bendall, King-Harman, and Pilley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
539	Miss F. M. Parker	New Lavatory at No. 5 Berkeley Place.
540	T. W. Smith	Five Semi-detached houses in Naunton Lane.

Resolved, That Plan Nos. 510 be approved, and that Plan Nos. 539 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of Inspector of Nuisances.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 21st June, 1907. Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall and Pilley. (Councillor Bendall in time Chair.)

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
541	W. N. Skillicorne	Stores, back of No. 51 St. George's Place.
542	St. Paul's Training ... College Committee	Assembly Hall, St. Paul's College, Swindon Road.
543	Dean Close Memorial School Committee ...	Additions to School buildings, Shelburne Road.
544	W. Burcher	Two detached houses, Hatherley Road.

Resolved, That the Plans be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, May 29th, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—The Committee received a profit and loss account on the concentrated mineral waters, and considered further information with reference to the Public Health Department.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 6th., June, 1907. Present: Councillors Baker, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

2—After further discussion of the mineral waters accounts, a resolution was arrived at. The Committee then discussed the Sewage Farms, and appointed delegates to report on the allotment.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th June, 1907. Present :—Councillors Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair). Councillor Davis, Chairman of the Farms Management Committee, attended by invitation. The Borough Electrical Engineer also attended.

3—The report of the delegates on allotments was received. After a preliminary investigation of the Electric Lighting undertaking, the Committee passed to the Sewage Farms, and after conversation on their management, agreed on Councillor Stroud's representations, he having been absent through illness from previous meetings, to reopen the question of Mineral Waters at their next meeting.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th June, 1907. Present :—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

4—The investigation of the Electric Light Department was completed. and the Committee (Councillor Stroud's assistance on the Mineral Waters being unhappily withheld) fixed their next meeting for July 2nd to draft report.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the, 17th June, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer and Steel (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Damage at Pittville—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to take proceedings against any persons committing wilful damage at Pittville, and that a reward of 20s be offered for information leading to the conviction of any person injuring trees or other property of the Corporation.

2—Promenade Improvement No. 2—Resolved, That this Committee recommend to the General Purposes and Watch Committee that the pavement in front of Nos. 1 to 13 Promenade should be called " The Parade."

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 13th June, 1907. Present—Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 6th inst. he had tested the illuminating power of the gas with the following result:-18.3 candles.

2—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 11th inst. there were 905 consumers, with an equivalent of 60,892 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 867 and 58,868 respectively.

3—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of the materials, etc., which would probably be required for the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

4—Wiring Rules—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the existing wiring rules were now out of print. As owing to developments and improvements since the rules were made they had become somewhat out of date, he recommended the adoption of the rules framed by the Institution of Electrical Engineers. Resolved, That the rules referred to be adopted by the Council, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain a sufficient number of copies for supply to consumers.

5---Supply of Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the contract with the British Thomson Houston Company for the supply of meters had expired, and he recommended the acceptance of their tender for the meters required for another year, their price for the smaller sizes being 35s, as against 37s 6d paid last year. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

6---Sale of Disused Alternators--On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. J. T. Williams & Co., of Bermondsey, of £121 for the two 100 K.W. alternators no longer in use be accepted.

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7—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for electric supply to premises now in the occupation of Cement Products Co. in Montpellier Spa Road to comply with which it would be necessary to lay a service cable for a distance of about 115 yards at a cost of £40. Resolved, That the extension be made subject to a guarantee of per annum for 3 years. An application for supply was also received from Col. Churchill to " The Granleys," which would necessitate an expenditure of £74 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the necessary extension be made and supply given upon Col. Churchill undertaking to pay £34 10s. 0d. towards the cost of the extension, guaranteeing a return of £10 per annum for 4 years, and agreeing to allow supply to be given by means of such mains to the occupiers of " Hillfield," if so required by the Corporation.

8—Loan for Plant Extensions—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing their sanction to a loan of £6,825 for additions to plant at the Electric Works, the period allowed for

repayment being 16 years. Resolved, That the Board be requested to increase the period for repayment to 25 years.

9—Refuse Destructor—The proposals of the Street and Highway Committee as to the additions to the Refuse Destructor and the utilisation of the same for providing steam for the Electric Works were again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned for a report from the Borough Electrical Engineer and a conference with the Street and Highway Committee.

EDWARD GRIDLEY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th June, 1907. Present :—Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

10—Tenders for Switchgear—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the following tenders he had obtained for the supply of switchgear required in connection with the additional plant at the Works :—

British Thomson-Houston Co..	£93 0 0
Cowans, Ltd.	£113 5 0
Ferranti, Ltd.	£179 0 0

Resolved, That the tender of the British Thomson-Houston Co. be accepted.

11—Refuse Destructor—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported upon the scheme for the supply of steam from the Refuse Destructor, and the Committee having conferred with the Street and Highway Committee, Resolved, That the cost of the boiler and pipework (estimated at £1,200) required for the scheme be provided out of the loan already sanctioned by the Local Government Board, and that the terms arranged at the conference with the Street and Highway Committee, and set out in the minutes of their meeting of to-day's date, be approved.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th June, 1907.—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 29 days, ended 18th June, 1907.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	132,480 gallons	165,120 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	561,594 "	426,892 "
Leckhampton	24,480 "	not gauged.
Total	718,554 "	592,012

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	June 18th, 1907.		June 18th, 1906.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	---	26,205,930 gallons	---	16,231,555 gallons
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	1,215,693 "	7ft. 4in.	990,563 "
Dowdeswell	24ft. 11in.	65,323,610 "	26ft. 7in.	72,957,739 "
Total Storage		92,745,233 "		90,179,875 "

681 yards of 4-inch main had been laid in Chariton Lane and Sandy Lane, and 2 fire hydrants had been fixed on the same for the Charlton Kings Urban District Council.

2—Tenders for Coal—The tenders received for the supply of coal for the Tewkesbury Works were considered. Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors M. Davis, Green and Margrett be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the same and accept a tender.

3—Water Supply to Railway Companies—With reference to letters received from the Midland and Midland and South Western Junction Railway Companies as to the charges for the water supplied to them. Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis and Green be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the charges made to the railway companies for water and to report.

4—Appeals—The cases entered into the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 31st May, 1907—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and M. Davis (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported an outbreak of swine fever on the Corporation Allotments, Folly Lane. Of the 3 pigs on the premises 1 had died, but the remaining two appeared healthy.

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Swine Fever Regulations. The Town Clerk reported that Regulations had been made by the Executive Committee for the County restricting the movement and sale of swine in the parishes in the Petty Sessional Divisions of Cheltenham (other than this Borough), Cirencester, Nailsworth, Stroud and

Tewkesbury, and in the Parishes of Churchdown, Cainscross and Stonehouse. Resolved, That similar regulations be made as regards the Borough, and notice given of the same by means of posters and handbills.

2—Inspection of Hackney Carriages—The Committee inspected the hackney carriages, and directed several to be again submitted for inspection on Friday next.

3—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 92—Read, a letter from Mr. W. J. Houghton, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 92 from an open carriage to a landau. The landau having been inspected by the Committee, Resolved, That the application be granted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 18th June, 1907. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Ll. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

4—Diseases of Animals Acts--Supt. Hopkins reported that no further outbreak of contagious disease amongst animals had occurred since the last meeting.

5—Dogs' Act, 1906—Read, a letter from Councillor Margrett asking the Committee to consider the advisability of revoking the regulations made in December last requiring that every dog within the Borough should wear a collar bearing the name and address of the owner. Resolved, That the Committee see no reason for revoking the regulations.

6—Gooseberry Mildew—Read, a letter from the Director of the Agricultural Department, County Education Office, enclosing copy of Memorandum issued by the Board of Agriculture on the subject of the American Gooseberry Mildew which had appeared during the last few months in several parts of England.

7—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 59 —Read, letters from Mr. C. PHI and Mr. Joseph Smith, of Nag's Head Inn, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 59 from the former to the latter. Resolved, That the application be granted.

8—Drivers' Licences--Read, applications for licences to drive hackney carriages from Messrs. F. W. Tugwell, C. H. Wilks, A. G. Gough, and Oliver Long. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

9—Wheel Chair Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Walter Cook, of Woodville, Alexandra Street, for a licence for a wheel chair. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the Chairman inspecting and passing the vehicle.

10—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called to an outbreak of fire on the 24th ult. at No. 369 High Street. Damage about £25. Expenses incurred £3 8s. 0d. Buildings and contents insured.

11—Insurance of Fire Engine Driver—Resolved, That the Fire Engine Driver be included in the insurance of the members of the Brigade against accident.

12—South African War Memorial—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide the necessary foundation for the South African War Memorial, and to erect the platform, etc., required for the unveiling ceremony.

13—Re-numbering of Winstonian Road—Read, letters from Mr. H. Davis and other owners and occupiers of houses in Winstonian Road, objecting to the proposed renumbering of the houses in the road. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to rescind their previous resolution requiring the houses to be re-numbered.

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11 -Shop Hours' Act, 1904—Read, a Memorial from the Watchmakers' Jewellers' and Electro-plate dealers requesting the Council to make an order under the Shop Hours' Act, 1904, requiring all shops within the Borough, at which the business of a watchmaker, jeweller, or auctioneer for the selling of watches, clocks, gold or silver jewellery, electro plate and other articles commonly sold by watchmakers or jewellers is carried on, shall be closed at a time not later than the hours set out below on the several days of the week :

Mondays and Tuesdays 8 p.m.

Thursdays and Fridays 8 p.m.

Wednesdays... 2 p.m.

Saturdays ... 10 p.m.

Or in the alternative :—

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8 p.m.

Saturdays ... 2 p.m.

These restrictions not to operate for 14 days before and 7 days after Christmas Day in any year, the shops to be closed entirely on every recognised Bank Holiday. Resolved, That the Council are satisfied that a prima facie case has been made out for making a closing order, and that the draft Order prepared by the Town Clerk be forwarded to the Home Office for their approval, and if approved that the Statutory notice be given as required by the Regulations of the Home Office, any objections to the Order to be sent in within 4 weeks from the date of the notice, and that a Register be prepared of the shops to be affected by the order.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th June, 1907. Present:—Alderman, Winterbotham, Councillors Davies and Marshall, Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson, (Alderman Winterbotham in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 512 visits made to the Art Gallery since the 15th ult. The South Kensington Museum had sent on loan for 3 months one case of 23 samples of Maiolici, and one case of 22 examples of Arms and Armour, which had been placed in the Decorative Art Room. The objects and cases had been insured for the kilns of £500.

The no.: [?new] show case supplied by Messrs, Collins & Godfrey had been fitted up in the Natural History Room.

Thirty eight, pictures had been received on loan for exhibition in the Gallery for three months, and the hanging of the same was in progress. Most of the pictures belonging to the permanent collection had been transferred temporarily to the staircase and corridors.

Col. King-Harman had presented three specimens of Rubber for the Economic Section. Mr. B. W. S. Brewer had offered to place on loan several articles of pre-Roman date taken from some nit-dwellings on Cleeve Hill.

The Baron two additional pedestals, and promised to lend six valuable pictures for the opening ceremony.

Mrs. Macknight-Crawford had promised to lend copies of pages of Illuminated Missals.

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2—Pierson Collection of Fossils—The Curator reported that Mr. L. Richardson had finished his work on the Geological Collection, and presented the following report :—

" I have the honour to report that the Pierson Geological Collection is now arranged.

The specimens were all attached to tablets, and few were named or had localities given. They have been taken off these tablets, and placed in cardboard trays in accordance with the approved modern method. Before they were placed in these trays they were washed by Mr. E. T. Paris. The fossils are arranged according to their formations, and biologically. Numerous notes, giving information of value to the student, have been inserted, and an outline account of the geology of the district has been type-written, framed and hung between the two cases. Mr. E. T. Paris has named the echinoids, and in a few cases where I was somewhat uncertain of an identification the specimen was submitted to a specialist in the particular branch to which the fossil belonged. The collection should prove useful to the student, and a reliable means for anyone visiting or resident in the district for naming fossils."

—(Signed), L. RICHARDSON, F.G.S.

Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr. Richardson for his services in connection with the arrangement of the Geological Collections.

3—Closing of Art Gallery and Museum—Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on the 22nd inst., the date of the Corporation Employees' Outing.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th June, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker,

Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows.—

Receipts	£121 16 5	Payments ...	£89 0 0
Rent of Shop .	<u>£12 0 0</u>	Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£88 6 10</u>
	£133 16 5		£177 15 10

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows :—

Receipts	£87 6 8	Payments ...	£53 12 8
		Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£54 4 6</u>
	£87 6 8		£107 17 2

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3-Medical Baths and Mineral Water Wells-The Borough Surveyor reported that the new Medical Baths at Montpellier would be complete in about a week. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a sample of the water. from the various wells belonging to the Corporation for analysis by the Medical Officer of Health.

4-Naunton Park—Seats—Resolved, That the Borough :Surveyor be instructed to obtain some additional seats for Naunton Park at an estimated cost of £5.

Presentations—The Superintendent reported that the following ladies and gentlemen had presented flowers for this ground, viz.:--Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Clissold, Miss Hamilton (Handsworth Lodge), Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Baron de Ferrieres, Major Shewell, Messrs. Cypher & Son,, Messrs. Worman & Amos, Mr. Mayo, Mr. T. E. Rickerby, Councillors Bendall, Margrett and Stroud. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

Suggested Bowling Greens—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. J. W. Frost and other occupiers of houses in the neighbourhood of Naunton Park, asking the Committee to allow the two lawns at the Eastern end of the Ornamental Garden for bowling. Resolved, That consideration of the memorial be adjourned for the Committee to view.

5—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters from the Hon. Secs. of the Gas Green and St. Paul's United Football Clubs, applying for permission to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground next season. Also from the Hon. Secs. of the Aston Rangers and All Saints' Association Football Clubs, applying for permission to play at the Whaddon Lane Ground.

Resolved. That the applications be granted subject to the usual conditions.

6—Use of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground by School Children—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee, applying for permission for the girls of St. Paul's School to play on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Tuesdays or Fridays from 3.15 p.m. until the end of school time. Resolved, That this Committee have no objection to the proposal, but cannot allot any particular portion of the ground.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held me Wednesday, the 26th June, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

7-Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Suggested Bowling Green—The Committee met at this ground, and inspected the ornamental portion the ground, and also the small piece of ground at the East end. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend the use of any portion of the lawns in the ornamental garden for bowls, but the they have given instructions to the Superintendent to prepare the piece of ground at the North East corner of the ground for the playing of bowls.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 5th June, 1907. Present :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Gridley, Merrett and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Inspection of Cemetery—The Committee visited and inspected the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a specification and obtain estimates for the painting required to the Lodge exterior, entrance gates, chapel doors, etc., and for the improvement of the men's shelter.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st June, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Merrett, and Pilley (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

2—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported several cases of infringement of the Regulations as regards the admission of carriages to the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the persons offending, calling their attention to the penalties incurred.

3—Cemetery Foreman—On the recommendation of the Superintendent. Resolved, That the wages of Barnfield, the gardener, be increased from 20s to 22s per week, he to act as foreman at the Cemetery.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved : Kerbings to graves of John Barrell, Susannah Herbert, and Alice Hughes. Headstones to graves of Maria Sarah Mary Green, John Kesterton Emily Christiana Polwhele, Beatrice Smith, and Charles Finglass. Memorial Crosses to graves of Elizabeth Mellanby Watson, Charles Turk and Amelia Adair.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th June, 1907—Pres.mt Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, and Stewart, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, A. Mann, and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Marshall in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 4s. 1d. Presentations:—Trustees of late W. E. Gladstone, 3 vols. ; Rev. Canon Gardner, 1 vol. : Miss Johnson, 1 vol. ; Edwin A. Pratt, 1 vol. ; and Secretary National Union of Teachers, 1 vol.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 13th May to 8th June was 916, an increase of 137, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and the books issued in the Lending Library numbered 7,698, a decrease of 434.

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2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th inst. Present : Councillors Bennett, King-Harman, Marshall (Chairman), Merrett, and Pilley. They recommended—

That the Lending and Reference Departments be closed on the 22nd inst., the date of the Corporation Employees' Annual Outing.

That the Education Committee do the necessary small repairs to the tap reported to be out of order.

That a new 32-rung ladder for cleaning the top windows be obtained at a cost of 18s 8d.

That the Annual Report be not printed.

That the books on the list submitted be purchased at a cost of about £4

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

R. EEDE MARSHALL, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th June, 1907— Present The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £5,860 4s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £17,042 0s. 8d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £3,554 8s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £8,058 3s. 11d.

3—School Furniture Loan—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing their sanction to a loan of £2,447 for the provision of furniture for public elementary schools, the period for repayment being 10 years from the date of the borrowing.

4—Report of Insurances Sub-Committee—The Insurances Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the question of the insurance of the Corporation against claims by their employees in view of the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, and recommended that the Corporation effect an insurance against legal liability in respect of all their employees (including teachers and all officials whose salaries do not exceed £250 per annum). The total salaries and wages amounted to

about £48,000. The Sub-Committee had obtained certain quotations, but proposed to obtain others, and recommended that they be authorised to accept the most satisfactory offer, the Borough Accountant to act as agent in respect of such insurance, the commission being received by the Corporation. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that they be authorised to enter into a Policy of Assurance as recommended.

5—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 28th May last		£ 687 5 6
Received since that date		<u>£13,578 5 0</u>
		£12,265 10 6
Paid since that date (including Loan of 1000 paid off)		<u>£10,206 13 2</u>
	In hand.	£ 4,058 17 4
Being Sinking Funds (in hand)	£7,299 1 5	
General Accounts (Overdrawn)	<u>£3,240 4 1</u>	
	£4,058 17 4	

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 1st July, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN, ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES -HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting the Council on the 3rd and 7th June last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That, the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th and 17th June last, be approved and confirmed

3—Farms Management Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th June last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 24th June last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th June last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz: That Minute No. 2 (Promenade Improvement No. 2) be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

6—Electricity and Lighting Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 24th June last be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 20th June last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 31st May and 18th June last, be approved and confirmed.

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9—Licences to Deal in Game--Resolved, That Licences to deal in Game be granted to the following, viz :

Name	Premises
Mrs. L. A. Morris	Columbia House, Winchcomb Street
G. C. Morris	18 Winchcomb Street
Olive & Olive	Colonnade
J. Maxwell	84 High Street
W. Hall & Sons	92 High Street
H. F. Barnett	18 Great Norwood Street
Wilks & Co.	372 High Street
C. Barnett	86 High Street
T. B. Woodard	25 Montpellier Walk
T. B. Woodard	1 and 2 Montpellier Avenue.

10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th June last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 26th

June last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz : That Minute 7 (Naunton Park Recreation Ground) be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration and that a deputation of the Memorialists be invited to interview the Committee on the matter.

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 5th and 21st June last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Finance Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th June last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

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14-Notice of Motion-Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council:—

That after the 31st December 1907, no payment for travelling or other expenses be made by the Corporation to any Member of the Council or any Official in respect of his attendance at Meetings—Annual or otherwise—of any Association, Conference or Convention; and that the resolution to Minute No. 8, of the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the 28th March, 1892, approved by the Council on the 4th April, 1892, sanctioning certain allowances to Members and Officers, shall not apply to any such meetings or gatherings.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly . Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 2nd August, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th July, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Davies, and King-Harman (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas, and 5 cases of Diphtheria, and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, Hereford Court, 6, Rodney Place, 5, Sherborne Place, and 1 & 2, St. George's Retreat.- The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 27 and 28, Cleaveland Street, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Green's Cottages, 109, Tewkesbury Road, 51, Sun Street, and 28 and 29, Victoria Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 6, Hereford Passage, 1, Hereford Court, 9, Hereford Place, 43, Burton Street, 6, Rodney Place, 109, Tewkesbury Road, and 1, and 2, St. George's Retreat.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following house, let in lodgings, viz. :—Nos. 1, St. Luke's Place, 1, Kilchberg Villas, St. Luke's, and 59, Leighton Road be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :—Hewlett Inn, Nos. 23, Francis Street, 2 and 7, Gloucester Place, 2 Brooklyn Villas, Leckhampton Road, and 2, St. George's Retreat. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that the Board would issue an Order under Section 34 of the Public Health Act, 1876, authorising the execution of works of sewerage and sewage disposal outside the Borough as proposed by the Town Council, and would also sanction the borrowing of £44,695 for the construction of sewage disposal works at Hayden Farm, and a new outfall sewer from the Arle Tank to Hayden Farm.

8—House Unfit for Human Habitation—No. 9, St. Paul's Street South. — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that this house was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, and unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the said house is in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, proceedings be taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts for an order for the closing of the same.

9—Destruction of Diseased Potatoes and Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 26th ult., 62 sacks of potatoes in a decaying condition deposited upon the premises of the G.W.R. Company were seized, and by order of a magistrate destroyed. On the 18th ult., the carcase and offal of a bacon pig (weight 336 lbs.), and on the 19th ult. the carcase and offal of a pork pig (weight 196 lbs.) both badly affected with tuberculosis were surrendered by the owners and destroyed as unfit for human food.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd July, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Pilley and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

10—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 2 cases of Erysipelas and 5 of Diphtheria, and that 4 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

11—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 60 Burton Street, 4, Lower Park Street, Alma Cottage, Stanhope Street, 1 and 5 St. Paul's Parade Cottages, and 4 Swindon Terrace.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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12—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 40 and 42, Leighton Road, White Horse Inn, Swindon Road, and 2, Regent Place, Swindon Road.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

13—Insanitary Property—Nos. 4, Swindon Terrace, 15, Baker Street, 38, Francis Street, 3, Devonshire Street, and 1 and 2 Lugwardine Cottages, Short Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

14—Overcrowding—8 Casino Place, 74 Stanhope Street, & 3 Devonshire Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

15—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : No. 7, Swindon Street, 1 Southampton Place, 9a,

Croft Street, Mona Cottage, and 2 The Croft, Croft Street, and 2 Blissworth Cottages, Short Street.— Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

16—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from defective pitching, cleansing and limewashing of rooms, the provision of ash receptacles, &c which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

17—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Alfred Stallard, of No. 110, Tewkesbury Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That he be informed that the Medical Officer of Health does not consider the premises suitable for the purpose. Also, read an application from Mr. William Wright, of No. 290, High Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered,

18—Unsound Fish-- The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 16th inst. a box of fish (hake), weighing 112 lbs., was found to be in an unsound condition, and was destroyed as unfit for human food.

19—Sewer in Bennington Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that an old sewer in Bennington Street was defective, and he recommended that this should be abolished, and that the drainage of the 2 houses at present connected therewith should be taken into another sewer which was close at hand. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this carried out at an estimated cost of £12

20—Urinal near St. Gregory's Priory—Read, a letter from Rev. B. E. Thomas complaining of the nuisance from the urinal adjoining St. Gregory's Priory. Resolved, That as there was sufficient accommodation in the neighbourhood this urinal be removed.

21—St. Paul's Sewers—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work in connection with the reconstruction of the sewers in the St. Paul's district would be completed before the next meeting of the Committee.

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22—Sewage Disposal—The Local Government, Board having intimated that they had decided to issue their sanction to a loan for the cost of the new Outfall Works, the Borough Surveyor recommended that a trial should be made of the various materials which might be suitable for a filtering medium, as having regard to the large quantity of material required, it was most important, to ascertain the suitability of the material proposed to be used before obtaining this in large quantities. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to carry out the trials suggested by him at an estimated cost of about £100.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th July, 1907.—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, Margrett, Packer and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 24 head of cattle (including 4 calves) had been purchased for £170 19s. 0d., and the following sales had been made : 25 head of cattle (including 5 calves) for £384 19s. 4d., 36 sheep for £89 0s. 5d. (Total sales £473 19s. 9d.) 12 pigs had been bred on the farms. The number of livestock on the 19th inst. was 1 colt, 12 horses, 5 calves, 197 head of cattle, 3 lambs, 12 sheep, and 14 pigs, all doing very well. The grass at Barn Farm had been cut, and the cutting of grass at Hayden Farm was in progress. 4 tons 5cwt. 1 qr. of hay, 2 tons 1 cwt. 1qr. of mangolds, and 1 ton 10 cwt. 4 qrs. of green grass had been delivered to the Central Depot. 33 sacks of wheat had been sold to Hr. Snowsell at 4s per bushell. One new pull rope for unloading fork had been purchased. Miscellaneous receipts for mangolds, 14s 3d.

He recommended that a grease jack for greasing wagons and carts at Barn Farm, iron pig trough and 2 new wheels for tedding machine be purchased. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Sale of Fruit—Resolved, That the fruit on the Farms be advertised for sale by tender in the Echo and Citizen;

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th July, 1907—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Building at Rear of No. 4 Christ Church Villas—Mr. Cradock, the occupier of No. 4 Christ Church Villas, attended this meeting to show cause why the building erected by him at the rear of his house should not be removed. Resolved, That Mr. Cradock be informed that a 9-inch brick wall must be built or the building must be removed forthwith.

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2—Private Improvement Expenses—Sandford Mill Road—The Town Clerk reported that after a local inquiry by two inspectors into the grounds of the appeal made by the Trustees of the late Mr. E. T. Brydges, the Local Government Board had confirmed the apportionment made by the Council, and the amount due had now been paid.

3—America Passage—Read, a letter from Messrs. J. Lance & Co., Ltd., stating that the screen and steps placed by them in America Passage would be removed as required by the Council.

4—Grazing Over College Road Land—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. G. M. Davis had given notice to terminate his present tenancy of the land in College Road for grazing, but was willing to

continue as tenant at a rent of £4, the present rent being £5 per annum. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5—Sandfield Road Footpath—Private Improvement Expenses--The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to the footpath on the South side of Sandfield Road had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £44 5s. 4d., which amount he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the owners mentioned therein.

6—Wood Paving—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was desirable to make better provision for the prompt scattering of grit over the streets paved with wood blocks on the occurrence of rain, and he recommended that receptacles should be sunk in the footpaths in the High Street and elsewhere for the storage of the necessary material. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place one receptacle in a suitable position in the footpath as an experiment.

7—Borough Surveyor's Pony—The Borough Surveyor reported that in view of the work now being carried out under the supervision of his Department, the pony now 10 years old provided for him was not equal to the work, and he recommended that another horse should be purchased. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a suitable horse at a cost not exceeding £30.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th July, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker and Gridley (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

8—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 21st June to the 25th July, 1907 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired---Bayshill Road (5,907 super yards), Bath Terrace (509 super yards), Albert Road, Pittville (1,120 super yards), All Saints' Road (4,930 super yards).

Roads Patched—Clarence Street, Fairview Street, Fairview Road, Back of Railway Buildings, Warwick Place, and Lansdown Parade.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired-1 in Eldorado Road, 1 in Overton Road, 1 in Montpellier Drive, 1 in London Road 1 in Montpellier Spa Road and 1 in High Street.

Sewer Trenches Repaired—Montpellier Terrace, St. James' Square, Railway Buildings, Hayward's Road, Fairview Road and North Place.

Water Trenches Repaired-1 in High Street and 1 in Royal Well Lane.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Montpellier Terrace, St. James' Square and Whitehart Street. Road Tar Macadam—Albion Street (628 super yards).

Roads Tar Painted—Queen's Road (3,500 super yards).

Footpaths Tar Painted—Overton Park (1,163 super yards), Naunton Lane (290 super yards), Westall (175 super yards).

Footpath Paving Repaired—Cleveland Street, Church Yard, Imperial Square, Suffolk Road, Park Place, Painswick Road and Russell Street.

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New Slab Paring; Laid—St. Paul's Road (222 super yards), St. George's Road (118 super yards), Whitehart, street (11 super yards), Thirlestaine Road (398 super yards).

New channels fixed—Keynsham Road (260 lineal yards), Lansdown Parade, (88 lineal yards), Post Office Lane (95 lineal yards).

New Kerbs fixed- Keynsham Road (117 lineal yards), Lansdown Parade (89 lineal yards), Post Office Lane (95 lineal yards).

Kerbs refixed—St. Paul's Road (117 lineal yards) Channel refixed—St. Paul's Road (117 lineal yards).

Crossings relaid—St. George's Road, Lansdown Parade (2). Crossings repaired-2. Channels Repaired 3.

Sewers Repaired—Harp Hill, St. Stephen's. Road, Northfield Terrace and Pittville Terrace.

Trees Pruned--3 Cambridge Villas, Pittville Circus Road, 3 and 4 Pittville Lawn, 3 North Place, Evesham Road, Selkirk Street, Monson Avenue, and Prestbury Road. Trees Pruned of Young Growth—Cemetery Road, Hewlett Road, Pittville Circus Road, All Saints' Road, Pittville Circus, Albert Road, Pittville Lawn, Wellington Road and Square, Clarence Square, Back of Saxham Villa, Leckhampton Road, Greville Terrace, Argyle Place, The Park, Moorend Park Road, Dagmar Road, and Andover Road.

Dead Trees removed—Hewlett Road (1), Pittville Lawn (2), Albert Road (2), Bayshill Road (1), St. George's Road (1), Gloucester Road (2), Glencairn Park Road (2), Eldorado Crescent (6), Eldorado Road (8), Greville Terrace (1), Leckhampton Road (3), Promenade (1), The Market (1).

New Gateway Crossings-1. Gullies renewed-25.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 18th July, 1907, 935 loads collected, 876 consumed, and 109 tipped away. Weight consumed, 776 tons 11 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 18th July, 1907, 498 $\frac{2}{3}$ square yards of slabs and 840 square yards of kerb made.

9—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last:—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley.

10—Harp Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that considerable damage had been done at Harp Hill by the recent storm, the road having been washed away for a considerable length. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a plan and estimate of the cost of putting the road into proper order.

11—Leckhampton Road—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the County Council stating that the Highways Committee of the County Council had approved the plan for the paving of this road, and agreed to the work being carried out in accordance with the estimate of the County Surveyor, amounting to £335 9s. 9d. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

12—Telephone Pole in Leckhampton Road—Read, an application from the National Telephone Company for permission to erect a pole in Leckhampton Road between Halland and Hall Roads. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

13—Alstone Avenue and Road between Grange Crescent and Alstone Avenue—Read, letters from Messrs. E. Attree and J. Pates enquiring if the Council intended to take over these roads. Resolved, That they be informed that when the outstanding paving expenses have all been paid Alstone Avenue will be taken over, but not the road between Grange Crescent and Alstone Avenue.

14—Naunton Lane—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Jenkins offering to give up land belonging to Trowscoed Lodge for the widening of Naunton Lane to 36 feet on the terms set out in his letter. Resolved, That Mr. Jenkins be asked to submit a plan showing how it was proposed to lay out the estate purchased by him.

15—Keynsham Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan, specification and estimate of the cost of paving the footpath on the East side of Keynsham Road between High Street and College Baths Road, to be done by the abutting owners.

16—America Passage—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan, specification and estimate for making good the unpaved portion of America Passage.

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17-16 Winstonian Road—The Building Inspector reported that a greenhouse had been erected at the back of 16, Winstonian Road without any plans having been submitted, and the building curtailed the air space required by the byelaws Resolved, That notice be served on Mr. G. Tombs to show cause why the building should not be removed as being an infringement of the Byelaws.

13—Temporary Porch to 36 Lansdown Crescent—A plan (No. 546) for a wooden inclined approach to No. 36 Lansdown Crescent to enable an invalid chair to be got in and out of 36 Lansdown Crescent was considered. Resolved, That subject to the applicant obtaining the consent of the two adjoining owners on each side, and entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk to remove the structure at any time when called upon, the same be allowed as a temporary structure.

19--Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 24th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th July, 1907. Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
545	Col. Churchill	Stables, The Granleys, St. Mark's.
547	Mr. Gardner	Laundry, Old Bath Road.
548	J. Barton	Additions to No. 25 Suffolk Parade.
549	E. A. Eggleton	Shop Front, No. 3, Tewkesbury Road (bringing forward).
550	J. Page	Additions to Mostyn Villa, Hale's Road.
551	Governors of General Hospital	Additions to General Hospital.
552	W. H. Brasher	Temporary Printing Works, rear of No. 410a High Street.
553	T. W. Smith	Twelve Houses, New Road, off Naunton Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 548, 551 and 553 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 547, 549, 550 and 552 be disapproved, and that Plans Nos. 545 be approved subject to a portion of the stables being drained to the S. West.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th July, 1907. Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall and Pilley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
547	Mr. Gardner	Laundry at rear of house in Old Bath Road.
554.	Committee of St. Hilda's Incorporated College	Additions to St. Hilda's College
555	W. H. Brasher	New Printing Works at rear of No. 410a High Street.
556	T. W. Smith	10 Semi-detached Houses in Hayward's Lane.
557	Council of Ladies' College ...	Additions to Ladies' College, Main Entrance, Cloak Rooms, &c.
558	Council of Ladies' College	Additions to Fauconberg House
559	T. D. Boulton	Detached House, Vittoria Walk,
560	Council of Ladies' College ...	Additions to Pavilion, Ladies' College Playing Ground, off Christ Church Road.
561	Deacons of Catholic Apostolic Church ..	New Vestry to Catholic Apostolic Church, Grosvenor Street.
562	Col. M. Churchill	Additions to The Granleys St. Mark's.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 556 and 559 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved as shown.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on July 2nd, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chairs.

1—Mr. G. E. Sharp, Manager of the Sewage Farm attended. The Sewage Farms management was discussed.

ROBT. LEY WOOD. Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on July 5th, 1907. Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

2—Draft report discussed.

ROBT. LEY WOOD.

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on July 16th, 1907. Present :—Councillors Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall, and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

3—Further discussion of draft report.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on July 23rd, 1907. Present :—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

4—The Committee discussed the Water Department section of their report. Resolved, That the Committee do present their report to the Council at its meeting on August 2nd. Resolved. also, That the Council be requested to order the printing and circulating of the same among its members, and that a special day be fixed for its discussion.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd July, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Pittville Park—Read, an application from Mr. W. L. Mellersh that the students from the Colleges should be admitted free to the Pittville Park to study the plants in the Wild Flower Garden. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to this proposal. An application was also made that the

charge for admission to Pittville for school treats should be reduced in cases where the numbers were large. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to this.

2—Advertising—Read, a letter from the " British and Colonial Druggist," suggesting that an advertisement should be inserted at a charge of £5 in a brochure, which was intended to be distributed at the London Medical Exhibition in October. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th July, 1907. Present—Councillors Bennett, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 29th ult. he had tested the illuminating power of the gas with the following result :-15.6 candles.

2—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 12th inst. there were 912 consumers, with an equivalent of 61,264 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 876 and 59,175 respectively.

3—Requisitions for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required for the ensuing months, and the same were approved.

4—Electric Supply to New Club—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the New Club as to the pressure of supply. Resolved, That the draft letter in reply thereto as settled by this Committee be approved.

5—Loan for Plant Extensions—Read, letters from the Local Government Board stating that they had found it necessary to reconsider the periods allowed for repayment of loans, and that the period granted for the loan of £6,825 was an equated one based on the periods now generally fixed by the Board for similar works, and they could not undertake to extend it. They were, however, willing to allow the sum of £1,689, being the unexpended balance of the £17,200 loan to be applied towards the cost of the works instead of towards the cost of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer, and would issue amended sanctions and consent accordingly.

6—Assistant Engineer—Read, a letter from Mr. J. M. Robb applying for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from 55s to £3 per week.

7—Additions to Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had inspected the new plant at Messrs. Parson's Works at Newcastle, and found that very little progress had been made. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write Messrs. Parsons & Co. complaining of the delay in the progress of the work, and pointing out the importance of completion within the specified time, and the liabilities of the Company under their contract.

8—Coal Bonus—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Bonus Scheme was working satisfactorily, and that a saving in coal of the value of £11 17s. 2d. had been effected for the 4 weeks

ending 8th July, which, after deducting bonus of £1 16s. 7d., left a net saving of £10 0s. 7d. At present the bonus was divided between the men on evening shift only. He thought a further saving could be made by increasing the bonus and dividing the extra amount between the day and night shifts, and he recommended that the present bonus of 2s 6d for each cwt. per 1,000 units be increased to 5s, the extra 2s 6d being equally divided between the day and night shifts in the same proportions as at present. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

9—Traction—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., who had given notice on behalf of the Light Railway Company to revise the price to be charged for Electric Energy supplied for traction, had suggested a conference to see if any terms could be arranged to avoid an arbitration. Resolved, That the Chairman, with the Town Clerk and Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to meet the representatives of the Company. Resolved, also, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to obtain expert evidence if necessary.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee. held on Thursday, the 25th July, 1907.—Present : Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 18th July, 1907.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	127,000 gallons	136,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	429,000 "	401,000 "
Leckhampton	24,480 "	not gauged.
Total	580,480 "	537,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	July 18th, 1907.		July 18th, 1906.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	---	25,445,461 galls	---	20,527,597 gallons
Leckhampton	5ft. 7in.	754,177 "	3ft. 8in.	495,279 "
Dowdeswell	23ft. 0in.	56,952,945 "	24ft. 6in.	63,478,615 "
Total Storage		83,152,583 "	.. ..	84,501,491

The above statistics did not take into consideration the recent heavy fall of rain, which raised Dowdeswell Reservoir over 2 feet. A length of 118 yards of 3-inch main had been laid, and 3 hydrants fixed in the New Arcade, off High Street, at the expense of the owners. A length of 107 yards of 4-inch main had been laid in Moored Road, Charlton Kings, and a length of 122 yards of 4-inch main had been laid in a new street on the Hatherley Court Building Estate.

2—Tewkesbury Pumping Station—The Borough Engineer reported his inspection of the new pumps at Messrs. Simpson's Works, he was not satisfied with the condenser, and they had arranged to recast

this, which would delay the completion of the work for a month, but he thought that they should be allowed this extension. Resolved, That this be agreed to. 3—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Engineer reported that he had made tests of five samples of coal, which gave the following results :—

Contractor.	Description of Coal	Cost per Ton.	lbs. of Steam per lb. of Coal.	Cost in pence per 1,000 lbs. of Steam.	Cost per 24 hours for 60,000 lbs of Steam.	£ s. d.
Webb Bros Cheltenham.	Glascote Nutty Engine Slack.	11s 9d	5.73	11.151		2 15 9
A. H. Nott, Cheltenham.	Cannock Chase Engine Slack.	11s 1d	5.29	11.151		2 15 9
F. Hipwood, Gloucester.	Princess Royal	13s 5d	6.4	10.934		2 14 8
C. Anderson, Tewkesbury.	New Bromley Rough Engine Slack.	10s 9d	5.31	10.904		2 14 6
W, Wallis, Tewkesbury.	Whateley Ryder Seam Screenings.	9s	4.93	9.744		2 8 6

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. W. Wallis at 9s per ton be accepted subject to a contract being entered into, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

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4—Old Pump—The Borough Engineer reported there was an old pump which had to be removed to make room for the - new engine, and that he had obtained an offer for this from Mr. C. D. Phillips, of Gloucester, of £28. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

5—Annual Inspection—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of the Tewkesbury Works, etc., be deferred until September, when the Borough Surveyor expected that the new machinery would be completed.

6—Appeals—The cases entered into the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd July, 1907—Present : Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Stroud (Alderman Norman to the Chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the premises at Farm Cottage, Lower Alstone, were still under quarantine, but with this exception the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Dogs' Act, 1906—The Gloucestershire (Control of Dogs') Order of 1907—The Town Clerk reported that the Board of Agriculture had issued an Order under the above Act, empowering the Corporation to make regulations with regard to dogs to prevent the worrying of cattle and sheep.

3—Gloucestershire and Worcestershire (Gooseberry Mildew) Order, 1907—The Town Clerk reported that the Board of Agriculture had issued an Order to come into force on the 22nd inst. for the prevention of the spreading of this disease. Under the Order any occupier of premises on which the disease existed or was suspected to exist was required to notify the fact to the Local Authority who were to take steps to have the diseased bushes destroyed, etc. Under the Order it would be necessary for the Local Authority to appoint a technical adviser to determine the existence or otherwise of the disease, and also an executive officer to serve the notices under the order. Resolved, That the Order be published by posters and hand bills, and that the same officers be appointed as may be appointed by the County Council to carry out the Order in the area of the county adjoining Cheltenham.

4—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Road, an application from Mr. Henry Dunn, of Victoria Cottage, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5—Hackney Carriage Stand—Resolved, That the stand at the junction of St. George's Road with the Promenade (near the Fountain) be limited to one carriage only instead of two carriages as at present.

6—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called to an outbreak of fire on the 22nd inst. at Elmscourt, Pittville, supposed to be caused by lightning. Damage about £10. Expenses incurred £5 15s. 0d. Property insured.

7—Portrait of Rev. Canon Roxby—Read, a letter from Mr. T. E. Rickerby, offering to present to the Corporation a portrait of the Rev. Canon Roxby, to be hung in the Town Hall. This had been painted by Mr. H. E. Branch, and had been purchased by a few friends. Resolved That the offer be accepted with thanks.

8—Pate's Grammar School—Resolved, That the Chairman and Alderman Waghorne be appointed representatives to confer with the Committee appointed by the County Council with reference to the grant to this school.

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9—The Promenade and Colonnade—Resolved, That the whole of the Street from High Street up to Clarence Lodge be named " The Promenade," and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have name plates put up accordingly.

10—Train Service—Resolved, That a representation be made to the Midland Railway Company urging that a better train service should be given between Cheltenham and Birmingham in the early part of the morning so as to enable business men residing in Cheltenham to get to Birmingham at a reasonably early hour.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on- Wednesday, the 10th July, 1907. Present:—Aldermen Norman, Waghorne, and Winterbotham, Councillor Marshall, and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,606 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 12th ult., and 332 catalogues had been sold.

The following gifts have been received :—

(1) From Mrs. Eva Law Daubeny Indian Shawl, presented to the late Earl Ellenborough, of Southam De la Bere, by an Indian Potentate, about the year 1840 ; some Cut Stones from Aberystwyth.

(2) From Mr. Ulric E. Daubeny : Fossils, Shells, Minerals, Polished Stones, etc.

(3) From Mr. A. J. de Haviland-Bushnell : Specimens of 25 kinds of Eocene Fossils. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donors. JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th July, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows :—

Receipts ...	£206 11 3	Payments ... ..	..	£130 2 5
Rent of Shop	<u>£12 0 0</u>	Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	..	<u>£132 10 3</u>
	£218 11 3			£262 12 8

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2—Alstone Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows :—

Receipts	£131 11 11	Payments ... ..	..	£93 0 8
		Interest & Redemption		
		(proportion of)	..	<u>£83 16 8</u>
	£131 11 11			£176 17 4

3—Medical Baths—Resolved, That the under-mentioned charges be made for the Aix Douche Bath, and that Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at its meeting on the 17th May last be varied accordingly, viz

Single Bath...	£0 5 6
Course of 6 Baths	£1 11 6
" " 12	£3 0 0

A Memorial from the Ratepayers' Association was read urging the Committee to refrain from increasing the number of Medical Baths, and also with regard to the appointment of a Masseur. Resolved, That the draft reply submitted by the Town Clerk be approved.

Read, a letter from the Dowsing Radiant Heat Co., Ltd., offering to provide and fix the necessary apparatus for the bath known as the Radiant Heat Bath free of cost to the Corporation on their entering into an agreement to pay a royalty of 25 per cent. of the charges received for such baths. The agreement would be for one year, and thereafter until determined by 6 months' notice. A similar agreement had been entered into with the Urban District Council of Buxton and other Spas. Resolved, That this offer be accepted, and that an agreement be entered into on the terms proposed.

4—Presentations—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The Superintendent reported that Mr. E. Whitbread, of No. 6 Leamington Place, and Mr. W. G. Allen, of Myrtleville, Whaddon Lane, had presented plants for this ground. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

Agg-Gardner Recreation. Ground—The Superintendent reported the gift of plants from Mr. W. Covill, of Pittville Nurseries, for this ground. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Covill.

5—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, applications from Secretary Saracens' Association Football Club for permission to play on the Naunton Park Ground next season. Also from the Hon Secs. of St. Paul's and Cheltenham North Rugby Football Clubs for permission to play on Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Saturdays, the Hon. Sec. Y.M.C.A. (Wednesday) Association Football Club to play on the same ground on Wednesdays, and from the Hon. Sec. Imperial Association Football Club for permission to play on one of the grounds.

Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to the usual conditions, the Imperial Football Club to play on the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground.

6—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Suggested Bowling Green—Messrs. C. S. Holliday, C. T. Clark, W. Ryland and H. Carter attended as a deputation on behalf of the Memorialists to support the application for permission to use the two lawns in the ornamental portion of the Recreation Ground for bowling. Another memorial stated to have been signed by nearly 1,000 residents in the neighbourhood of Naunton Park objecting to the ornamental garden being used for games of any kind, was also considered by the Committee.

Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend that any portion of the ground, either in the ornamental part or elsewhere should be appropriated for bowls.

Resolved, also, That such portion of the Recreation Ground now used as garden ground as is not required as a seed ground be thrown into the Recreation Ground as soon as it can be cleared.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th July, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the work at the Cemetery was going on satisfactorily.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved: Kerbings to graves of Jane Matthews, Kate Louisa Drew and Charles William and Ann Price. Memorial Crosses to graves of Richard Roynon Jones and John Simpson. Headstones to graves of Edwin Henry Harris, Sophia Pipe, Eleanor and Mary Murch Wyatt and George Charles and Eliza Tuttle.

JOHN HADDON-, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th July, 1907—Present : Councillors Bennett, Davies, King-Harman, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley and Stewart, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, A. Mann, and C. Hayward (Councillor King-Harman in the Chair),

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 12s. 5d. Presentations :—Rev. W. L. Lang, 1 vol. ; Rev. Canon Gardner, 1 vol. ; Editor, University Tutorial Press, 1 vol. : The Crown Agents for the Colonies, 1 vol. ; and Major-General H. P. Babbage, 1 pamphlet. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 10th June to 13th July was 1281, an increase of 204, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and the books issued in the Lending Library numbered 9,114, an increase of 38.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee met on the 12th inst., Councillor Merrett being the only member present, who recommended:-

1. That Ernest Yeend be appointed Junior Assistant in place of G. E. Phelps, resigned.
2. That 2 sash cords be repaired.
3. That the revised list of books submitted be approved and the books purchased at a cost of £3 13s.
4. That the offer of Mr. Sidney Appleton to present books from his catalogue of publications to the amount of £3 10s. be accepted.
5. That the application of Mr. S. E. Harrison, the Chief Assistant, for an increase of salary be deferred until the question of the Art Gallery and Museum contribution be further considered. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Deaths of Revs. J. Evans and J. A. Owen—Resolved, That this Committee record their great regret at the loss sustained by the deaths of the Revs. J. Evans and J. A. Owen, valued members of this Committee, who both took a great interest in its work, and also desire to express their deep sympathy with their families.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of. this Committee, held. on Friday, the 26th July, 1907—Present Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate- The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this 1Zato, was read. Amount collected £11,689 0s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £11,213 13s. 10d.

2—Water Rate--The Report, of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £6,515 18s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £5,853 4s. 0d.

3—Audit of Corporation Stock Accounts—The Borough Accountant reported that he had audited the 3 per cent. stock accounts at the National Provincial Bank and found the same in order, and that he had made the necessary half-yearly return to the Inland Revenue Authorities as to Stamp duty.

4—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that the Great Yarmouth Corporation were willing to lend £7,000 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the loan to bear interest at 3 ½ per cent., and to be repayable at the end of 3, 5, 7 or 10 years on six months' notice. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £7000 be advanced to the Great Yarmouth Corporation on the above terms, and that Debentures for £7000 be sealed and issued for the like amount to be advanced by the Great Yarmouth Corporation.

5—Loan of £500—The Borough Accountant reported the receipt of a loan of £500 at 33 per cent. from Mrs. D. Thornton, which he suggested should be allocated to St. Paul's Sewers Loan. Resolved, That a debenture be sealed and issued accordingly.

6—Report of Insurances Sub-Committee—The Insurances Sub-Committee reported that after consideration of a large number of quotations they had resolved to accept the offer of the Fine Art & General Insurance Co. to insure the Corporation against claims by their employees under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, the Fatal Accidents Act, 1846, the Employer's Liability Act, 1880, or at Common Law, for the following premiums:— 2s 6d per cent. for clerical staff, 2s for teachers and other employees of the Education Committee, all other employees 6s 6d per cent., a separate policy in the names of the Corporation and the School Managers to be issued in respect of the teachers, etc. The total premium will amount to £109 8s. 0d. per annum, from which the usual commission will be deducted and credited to the Corporation.

7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the-General Statement :—

In hand on the 25th June last	£ 4,058 17 4
Received since that date (including loan £500)	<u>£18,954 5 8</u>
	£23,013 3 0
Paid since that date	<u>£17,597 3 6</u>
	In hand. £ 5,415 19 6
Being Sinking Funds (in hand)	£9,706 18 0
General Accounts (Overdrawn)	<u>£4,290 18 6</u>
	£5,415 19 6

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 2nd August, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT LEY WOOD

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CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 1st July last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 22nd July last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :

That Minute No. 20 (Urinal near St. Gregory's Priory) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th July last be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 26th July last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Expenditure Inquiry Committee—Resolved, That the Report of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee be received, that the same be printed and circulated amongst the members of the Council, and be considered at a Special Meeting of the Council to be fixed at the Monthly Meeting of the Council in September next.

6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd July last be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th July last be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 25th July last, be approved and confirmed.

9—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd July last, be approved and confirmed.

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10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th July last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th. July last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendments, viz :

(1) That the last paragraph of Minute No. 3 (Medical Baths) be referred back to the Committee for re-consideration.

(2) That Minute No. 5 (Football at Recreation Grounds) be referred back to the Committee for re-consideration.

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th July last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th July last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

14—Travelling Allowances to Council and Officers—Councillor Green moved pursuant to notice and Councillor Marshall seconded :

" That after the 31st December, 1907, no payment for travelling or other expenses be made by the Corporation to any Member of the Council or any Official in respect of his attendance at Meetings—Annual or other-wise—of any Association, Conference or Convention ; and that the resolution to Minute No. 8 of the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the 28th March, 1892, approved by

the Council on the 4th April, 1892, sanctioning certain allowances to Members and Officers, shall not apply to any such meetings or gatherings."

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To this an amendment was moved by Councillor Merrett and seconded by Councillor Stewart :

That the words " no payment for travelling or other expenses be made," be deleted and the following words substituted therefor : "third class railway fares and " reasonable out-of-pocket expenses only be allowed."

On the amendment being put to the Meeting the names of the Members of the Council voting were by request taken down by the Town Clerk as follows :

For—Councillors Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, Steel and Stewart (5).

Against—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Gridley, Ley Wood, Pilley and Stroud (9).

The Mayor having declared the amendment lost, submitted the original proposition and the names of the members voting, taken by request, were as follows :

For—Councillor Green (1).

Against—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Gridley, Ley Wood, Margrett, Merrett, Pilley, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (13).

The Mayor thereupon declared the motion not carried. Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 2nd September, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th August, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Davies, and Pilley (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 6 cases of Diphtheria, and that 5 of these had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 3, St. Paul's Terrace, 13, Normal Terrace, 1, The Croft, Croft Street, Tullock's Cottage, Swindon. Road.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc; at Nos. 16, Hungerford Street, 16, Victoria Street, Heathercroft, St. Luke's, 1 & 2, Strathmore Villas, Fernlea, and Ryecote, St. Luke's, Sherwood, Charlton Lane, and 31, Hanover Street, St. Paul's.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 3, Moorend Terrace, Croft Street, 1 and 2, Fossil Cottages, Croft Street, and 37 and 44 Upper Norwood Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Overcrowding—No. 23, Fairview Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz: No. 26, Bath Street, 9, Wellington Square, 3, White Hart Street, 29, Marle Hill Road, Oriel House, Path Road and Oriel Dairy, Bath Road.—Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1880, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the destruction on the 24th ult., of the carcasses and offal of 2 pigs (weight 616 lbs.), and on the 26th ult. of the carcase and offal of one pig (322 lbs.), all three being affected with tuberculosis, and surrendered by the owners upon representations as to the condition of the carcasses.

8—Factory and Workshop Act, 1901—The Medical Officer of Health reported the names of certain tradesmen who had neglected to comply with the provisions of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as to supplying periodically lists of outworkers employed by them, although their attention had been called to the provisions of the Act. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred if the lists are not furnished forthwith. Read, a letter from the Home Office, enclosing print of a new Order made by the Secretary of State extending the provisions of the Act as to home workers to the making of artificial flowers, nets, tents, sacks, baskets, feather sorting, etc., etc. Resolved, That notice be given of the provisions of the order to employers affected.

9—Urinal near St. Gregory's Priory—The recommendation of this Committee that the urinal near St. Gregory's Priory should be removed, referred back by the Council, was further considered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary to minimise as far as possible the nuisance arising from the noise made by the flushing apparatus attached to the urinal.

10—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing an Order made by the Board allowing the construction by the Corporation of works of sewerage and sewage disposal outside the Borough.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th August, 1907—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies and M. Davis (Councillor Davies in the chair).

11—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that no case of infectious disease had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 12 Croft Street, 1, 5 and 6 Ambrose Place, 22 Rutland Street, 1 Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane, and house at back of No. 57 Rutland Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., No. 7a, 22, 23, 43 & 46 Rutland Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

Sherwood, Chariton Lane—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to Sherwood, Charlton Lane, and found the same to be in bad condition, and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the works required to be done. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner of the premises requiring him to do the specified works within 7 days from the service of such notice, and that if such notice is not complied with the works be executed by the Corporation and the expenses thereof recovered in a summary manner from the owner of the premises.

14—Insanitary Property—Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6, Ambrose Place, 2, Painswick Terrace, 23, 27, 43 and 46, Rutland Street, Cottage at rear of No. 57 Rutland Street, 1, and 2, Glen Cottages, and 1 and 2, Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Overcrowding at Nos. 1, 5 and 7 Ambrose Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

16—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Colwyn and Coniston, Ewlyn Road, Nos. 1, Moorend Terrace, 12, Croft Street, 32, King Street, 3, Hinckley Cottages, New Street, 1, Granville Street, and Hanover Inn, Hanover Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

17—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. :--Glynestre, Kensington Avenue, and Nos. 1 and 3, Ambrose Place be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

18—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. W. F. Williams, of 31 Albert Street, St. Paul's, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered as a purveyor, but that he be informed that his premises cannot be registered for the storage of milk.

19—Outfall Sewers—On the recommendation of the Farms Management Committee, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the Farms Manager with four 50 yd. (1 ½ inch diameter) ropes for clearing out the outfall sewers at a cost of £9 11s. 3d.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th August, 1907.—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 1 heifer had been purchased for £12, and 11 pigs and 1 calf had been bred on the farms. 21 head of cattle (including 1 calf) had been sold for £372 17s. 6d. The number of livestock on the farms on the 10th inst. was 12 horses and 1 colt, 182 head of cattle, 15 sheep and 25 pigs, all doing fairly well. Haymaking was nearly completed, and he had commenced cutting oats at the Barn Farm. 3 tons 2 cwts. 2 qrs. of hay and 16 ½ cwts. of mangolds had been delivered at the Central Depot. 33 sacks of wheat had been sold for £26 7s. 6d., and the posts and rails authorised had been purchased for £3 3s.

9d. He recommended the purchase of more sheep when suitable opportunity offered, 2 field gates, 4 fagging hooks, 1 load of wheat straw for thatching ricks, and 4 ropes, each 50 yards in length, for clearing the outfall sewers. Resolved, That the recommendation as to the purchase of ropes be approved and referred to the Public Health Committee, and that the other recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Tenders for Fruit—The tenders, three, in number received for the fruit at the Farms in response to the advertisement were considered. Resolved, That the offer of £32 10s. 0d. of Mr. H. Minett, of Elmstone Hardwick, for the fruit at the Barn, Hayden and Hayden Knoll Farms be accepted.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th August, 1907—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from the Division Officer, Royal Engineers, Exeter, applying for permission to erect a V-shaped sign board at the Recruiting Office, No. 1 Regent Terrace, St. George's Street. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions as to height and projection.

Read, a letter from Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Ltd., applying for permission to erect a projecting sign at their branch premises, No. 8 Henrietta Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height and projection, and to the sign being a fixed one.

Read, an application from Mr. E. L. Ward for permission to place a glass show case between No. 138 and 139 High Street. Resolved, That permission be given subject to the proposed case not exceeding as to dimensions and projection the case already outside Mr. Ward's premises.

2—Direction Plate in Leckhampton Road—Read, a letter from Mr. C. S. Holliday, suggesting the fixing of a direction plate to the Electric Light Standard in Leckhampton Road at the corner of Shurdington Road indicating the roads to Birdlip, Shurdington, etc. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved, and a direction plate similar to the one recently placed in the Lansdown Road be fixed accordingly.

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3—Trees—Read, letters from Miss Carmichael, Mrs. Billings, Mr. Banks and Mrs. Ashman asking that trees in Sydenham Road North, Wellington. Road and the Promenade respectively opposite their houses should be thinned. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration.

4—Langdon Road—Read, a letter from Mr. C. H. Saunders asking that Langdon Road should be declared a highway. Resolved, That Langdon Road be declared a highway, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices of such declaration.

5—Sandford Mill Road—Resolved, That the Sandford Mill Road for a length of 654 feet from the London Road be declared a highway without prejudice to the right of the Corporation, under Section

44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to require the footpath on the East side of the road to be paved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices of such declaration.

6—Reddings Road—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the County Council, enclosing a copy of a resolution of the Highways Committee recommending the County Council to contribute 210 per annum, on condition that Reddings Road is repaired to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor and taken over by the Borough. The Committee were unable to make a capital contribution.

Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council enclosing copy of a minute of that Council recording its opinion that the annual contribution offered by the County Council, and the contributions offered by the Reddings owners and Mr. Unwin were equitable, and expressing the hope that the Town Council will see their way to accept the terms offered. Resolved, That in view of the fact that the County Council do not propose to make any contribution towards the cost of properly making up the road in the first instance, the Committee cannot recommend the Council to make and take over the road as a highway.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th August, 1907—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

7--Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 26th July to the 22nd August, 1907 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Union Street, Fairview (1,247 super yards), York Street (687 super yards), Jersey Street (508 super yards), Columbia Street (747 super yards), Sandfield Road (Gloucester Road to Ash Destructor) (3,834 super yards).

Roads Repaired with Tar Macadam—St. Paul's Street, S. (997 super yards), Post Office Lane (407 super yards).

Roads Patched—Grafton Road, Painswick Road, Dunalley Parade, Portland Square, Market Street, Knapp Road, Sun Street, and Waterloo Street.

Gas Trench Repaired--Grove Street. Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Royal Parade, Montpellier Spa Road, and 2 in High Street.

Sewer Trenches Repaired—Dunalley Parade, Marle Hill Road and Bennington Street. Private Improvement Works—Post Office Lane. New Concrete Slab .Paving—Leckhampton Road (proceeding).

Footpath Paving Repaired—Trafalgar Street and Priory Street.

Channelling relaid—Union Street, Fairview, Jersey Street, York Street, and Montpellier Villas.

New Gulley fixed—.1. Gulley Renewed-1. Street Crossings renewed-4. Manhole Covers refixed-6. Tree Felled to within 6 feet of ground level—Maud's Elm.

Private Trees Pruned—Halsey House, Dromore, 9 Pittville Parade, Prestbury Cottage, Southwood Lodge, Osborne House, Southam Villa Stables, 3 Blenheim Parade, Pittville Mansion, Layton, Walton Court, Lisnamoe and 24 Lansdown Place.

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Ashes Collection and Disposal- During 4 weeks ended 22nd August, 1907, 1,219 loads collected, 1,094 consumed, and 125 tipped away. Weight consumed, 957 tons 10 cwts. 2 qrs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 15th August, 1907, 1,434 lineal feet of kerb, and 3,978 lineal feet of channel made.

8—View Meeting—The following 11 loubors attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Ley Wood.

9—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 13th and 23rd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

10—Keynsham Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, that notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

11—America Passage—The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, that notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

12—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—Market Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered to the footpath in Market Street had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £58 6s. 4d., which sum he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved. That the apportionment be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the owners mentioned therein.

13—Trees in Lansdown Road—Read, a letter from Miss Eaton, of Lansdown Lawn, asking that the trees opposite Shelburne Hall should be topped. Resolved, That the request be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration.

14--Maud's Elm—Resolved, That a young elm tree be planted on the site of Maud's Elm, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for oilers for the timber of the old tree.

15—Naunton Lane Improvement—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Jenkins stating that he had purchased Trowscoed Lodge, and offering the necessary land for the widening of Naunton Lane to a width of 36 feet on condition that the whole expense of making the road and footpaths in connection with the improvement on both sides was borne by the Corporation, who should also re-erect the fencing along the new line, no expense whatever being incurred by him. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the approximate cost of carrying out the suggested improvement. and that in the meantime the further consideration of the offer be adjourned.

16—Footpath in front of Lansdown. Parade—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair and repave this footpath where necessary.

17—Building at rear of 16, Winstonian Road—Mr. G. T. Tombs, the occupier of No. 16, Winstonian Road, attended this meeting to show cause why the greenhouse erected by him at the rear of No. 16, Winstonian Road should not be removed, and expressed his regret for his unintentional infringement of the byelaws. Resolved, That Mr. Tombs be informed that unless the length of the greenhouse is reduced from 12 feet to 9 feet the same must be removed, the alteration or the removal to be carried out forthwith.

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18—Houses in Hewlett Road, Corner of Albion Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that a covered way had been made at the side of a new house erected in Hewlett Road, at the corner of Albion Street, and he asked the instructions of the Committee as to whether the drain running thereunder should be constructed of iron pipes. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Public Health Committee for decision.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th August, 1907. Present : Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
559	T. D. Boulton	Detached house, Vittoria Walk.
563	A. Yeates	House adjoining Doverdale, London Road.
564	Mrs. Bayley	New W.C., No. 6 Oriel Terrace.
565	E. Batstone	New Shop Front, No. 4 Hermitage Terrace, Bath Road.
566	The Managers of ... St. Luke's Schools	Heating Chamber, St. Luke's Schools, Bath Road.
567	Miss Parker	New Bathroom, No. 4 Berkeley Place.
568	A. N. Cole	Extension of shop at rear of 351 High Street.
569	J. Baker	Addition to Louieville, Western Road.
570	H. Merry	New W.C., Beaconsfield, Hewlett Road.

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved, subject as to No 565 to the portion of the forecourt unbuilt upon being added to the public footpath.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman,

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 23rd August, 1907. Present: Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

2- New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notice and plan of intended new Building, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
571	M. E. Wales	Loose Box and Motor House, Stanhope Lodge, Queen's Road.

Resolved, That the same be approved subject to any drainage alterations deemed necessary by the Inspector of Nuisances being carried out to his satisfaction.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th August, 1907—Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bennett, and Steel (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Pittville Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that the herbaceous plants presented last winter to the Park had been trodden down by children and a large number spoiled. During the 7 days commencing the 7th inst., 4 children fell into the lake, fortunately without any serious result.

Resolved, That in view of the above report, and the damage committed by children in the Annexe, the entrance to the Marle Hill Annexe, from the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground be closed except on Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and that the resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee of the 31st March, 1905, be varied accordingly.

2—Free Admission to Parks—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Butler, Secretary of the local branch of the Independent Labour Party, enclosing the following resolution passed by them on the 14th inst.: That in the opinion of this " meeting all open spaces and parks maintained out of public money should at all times be open to the public free " of charge."

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th August, 1907. Present—Councillors Bennett, Gridley, Green, Ley Wood, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the illuminating power of the gas on the 9th inst. with the following result candles. On the 9th and 10th inst. he had tested for purity, the number of grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet being 37 grains.

2---Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 12th inst. there were 917 consumers, with an equivalent of 62,053 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 878 and 59,140 respectively.

3—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

4—Coal Bonus—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a statement showing that the increase in the bonus paid for coal economy had resulted satisfactorily.

5—Rules for Employees—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted suggested rules specifying the general conditions of employment (as to overtime, sick leave, holidays, precautions in working, etc.) at the Works for the information of the workmen. Resolved, That the same as now settled by the Committee be approved and adopted.

6—Contract for Switchgear—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended certain additions should be made to the switch-gear to be supplied by the British Thomson-Houston Co. at an extra cost of £12 5s. 0d. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

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7—Cable in High Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in order to maintain a satisfactory supply to private consumers in the High Street it was necessary to lay a new cable from the Grammar School to North Street in aid of the existing small cable. The cost would be about £98. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

8—Foundations for New Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a plan showing the positions to be occupied at the Works by the additional plant ordered. Resolved, That a tender be obtained for the excavation work necessary, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept the same if the Borough Surveyor considers it satisfactory.

9—Electric Supply to New Club—Read, a letter from the Committee of the New Club with reference to the supply of electric energy to the club. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned, the Borough Electrical Engineer to meet the club authorities in the meantime, and report further to this Committee.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd August, 1907.—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 18th August, 1907.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	259,200 gallons	161,760 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	822,280 "	412,490 "
Leckhampton	22,752 "	not gauged.
Total	1,104,232 "	574,250 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	August 18th, 1907.		August 18th, 1906.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	---	27,440,106 galls	---	20,983,235 gallons
Leckhampton	10ft. 0in.	1,350,770 "	6ft. 0in.	810,462 "
Dowdeswell	25ft. 8in.	68,722,540 "	21ft. 0in.	48,673,893 "
Total Storage		97,513,326 "		70,467,590 "

Progress had been made with the new machinery and buildings, all the heavy parts of the new engine and pumps having been fixed in position at Tewkesbury. 105 yards of 3-inch main had been laid in Church Road, Leckhampton, and 2 new hydrants placed in Keynsham Road

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2—Water Supply to G.W. R.- The Borough Engineer reported that the G.W.R. Co. had accepted the offer made to supply the Company with water at 1s per 1,000 gallons, and supply had commenced on the 17th inst. The Company desired that, the terms of supply be subject to revision upon notice from either side at, the end of 3 years from the present time. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare an agreement accordingly, and that the common seal be affixed thereto.

3—Appeals—The cases entered into the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th August, 1907—Present: Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Baker and Ley Wood (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1--Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 11th inst. upon an allotment in Sandfield Road. Of the three pigs on the premises, one had died and 2 had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. The necessary notices had been served upon the owners of pigs in the vicinity The outbreak could not be accounted for.

2—Gloucestershire and Worcestershire (Gooseberry Mildew) Order, 1907--Resolved. That the following persons be appointed to receive notices under Article 3 (1) of the above Order, and specimens showing disease or suspected disease, and to act as Inspectors under Article 6 of the Order

:—The Superintendent of Police and the Officer in charge of any Police Station in the Borough, and Messrs. Drysdale Turner and G. H. Hollingworth, of the Agricultural Department, County Education Office, College Court, Gloucester.

Resolved, also, That Messrs. Drysdale Turner and G. H. Hollingworth be appointed Technical Advisers and Officers of the Local Authority for the Borough for the purposes of issuing notices under Article 4 of the Order and licences thereunder.

3--Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called out since the last meeting of this Committee.

4—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, letters from Messrs. C. Burrows and Albert Gardner applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 86 from the former to the latter. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6—Pawnbroker's Certificate—Read, an application from Mr. Barry Higgins, of Nos. 314 and 315, High Street, for the renewal of his pawnbroker's certificate. Resolved, That the application be granted.

6—Re-numbering of Houses in Winstonian Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that the occupiers of 2 houses in Winstonian Road declined to re-number or to allow the Corporation to re-number their houses in accordance with the plan already approved by the Council. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the occupiers referred to pointing out the penalties incurred, and, if necessary, take proceedings for the same.

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7—Telephone Company's Charges—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of :Leamington calling attention to the fact that by the new Schedule of Rates for Telephone Exchange Service recently issued by the National Telephone Co. the charges for a direct line from business premises to the Exchange are very considerably increased, no provision being made for unlimited service as hitherto, but a measured service with a minimum charge of £6 per annum for 500 calls rising by 7s 6d per 100 calls up to 1,300, and 4s per 106 from 1,300 to 4,000 being offered. A tradesman who had 20 calls each week-day would therefore pay over £23 per annum instead of a fixed rate of £8 or £10 as at present. The Leamington Town Council invited the Cheltenham Corporation to join in urging upon the Company the desirability of resuming their former charges. Resolved, That a representation be made to the National Telephone Company as suggested.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th August, 1907. Present :—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Merrett and Pilley (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows :—

Receipts ...	£302 6 2	Payments ...	£224 19 8
Rent of Shop ...	£ <u>24 0 0</u>	Interest & Redemption	
	£326 6 2	(proportion of)	£176 13 8
			£401 13 4

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows :—

Receipts	<u>198 10 11</u>	Payments	£154 19 5
	£198 10 11	Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£105 8 11</u>
			£263 8 4

Read, a letter from the Superintendent of Alstone Baths applying for the free use of the Swimming Bath from 7 p.m. on the 26th prox., on which date the Cheltenham Swimming Club proposed to give an aquatic display and entertainment for his benefit. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2—Football at Recreation Grounds—The applications read at the last meeting for permission to play football at the Recreation Grounds next season were again considered. Resolved, That subject to the usual conditions, permission be granted to the Saracens' Association Football Club to play at Naunton Park, to the Imperial Association Football Club to play at Whaddon Lane Ground, and to the St. Paul's and the North Rugby Clubs to play on alternate Saturdays, and the Y.M.C.A. Association Club on Wednesdays at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

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Read, a letter from the 1st. G.R.E.V. Football Club applying for permission to play on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground next season. Resolved, That the Committee regret that the application cannot be acceded to in view of the applications previously received and granted. Resolved, also, That football be not allowed on the Recreation Grounds before the 16th prox.

3--Medical Baths—The offer received from the Dowsing Radiant Heat Co., Ltd., was further considered. Resolved, That the same be not entertained.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd August, 1907—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Merrett and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Designs—Resolved. That the following designs be approved : Memorial Crosses to graves of Emma Annie Rouse and Mary Lyon. Headstones to graves of William and Ann Witchell, Mary Carter, Sarah Wyatt, and William and Francis Basil Caudle. Alteration of Memorial Cross on grave of Peter John Francis Gantillon. Kerbing with inscription to grave of Adelaide Mary Phelps. Memorial Cross to grave of Louisa Grant, subject in this case to the right of burial in perpetuity in the grave being purchased before the erection of the memorial.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th August, 1907—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillor Merrett, the Baron de Ferrieres, Messrs-A. Beckingsale, A. Mann, F. Parsons, and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 5s. 16d. Presentations :—The Baron do Ferrieres, 1 vol. ; Co-partnership Tenants' Housing Council, 1 vol.. W. Smith, 1 vol. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department from the 15th July to the 10th inst. was 770, as against 803 during the corresponding period in last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 6680, as compared with 7599 last year.

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2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. (Present Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Bennett and Merrett). They recommended that the offer of Miss T. Mills (Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Women's Suffrage Society) to present weekly " Women's, Franchise " be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Annual Conference of Library Association Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association at Glasgow from the 17th to the 19th prof., he being allowed his third-class return railway fare and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th August, 1907—Present -. Councillors Bennett, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1— General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £18,194 15s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £4,707 18s. 6d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £9,313 5s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £3,107 8s. 6d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received the following amounts, and he proposed to apply the same to the loans specified:-

Amount Loan Term

£500 £10,220 St. Paul's Sewers 12 months and afterwards subject to 3 months' notice.

£250 £10,000 Street Improvement 10 years subject to repayment on 6 months' notice on either side at the end of 3, 5 or 7 years.

£600 £16,600 Electric Lighting 10 years subject to repayment on 6 months' notice on either side at the end of 3, 5 or 7 years.

Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued accordingly.

4—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 26th July last	£5,415 19 6
Received since that date (including loans £1,350)	<u>£20,717 9 1</u>
	£26,133 8 7
Paid since that date (including loan repaid £1,000)	<u>£10,194 7 7</u>
	In hand £15,939 1 0
Being General Accounts	£5,900 4 0
Sinking Funds	<u>£10,038 17 0</u>
	£15,939 1 0

ROBERT STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough, of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 2nd September, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON

Aldermen: JOHN WAGHORNE GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL MOSES DAVIS EDWARD GRIDLEY COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT STEEL ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd August last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that Hu, same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to call a Special Meeting of the Council for the 2nd proximo to consider the Report of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee.

3—Public Health Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th August last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th August last be approved and confirmed.

Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 26th August last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th August last be approved and confirmed.

7- Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th August last be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 22nd August last, be approved and confirmed.

9—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th August last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th August last, be approved and confirmed.

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11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd August last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th August last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Wednesday, the 2nd October, 1907, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the Chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON.)

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BEN DALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN, ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD

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1—Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee—Resolved, That the recommendations of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee under the heading " Highway Department " be accepted in principle, subject to the following amendment, viz :—" That in recommendation No. 4 the words " and labourers " be left out, and that for the words " 12s per week," the following words be substituted :—" They be paid wages in proportion to their physical ability," and to consideration and report thereon by the several Committees affected thereby, and that the same be referred to such Committees for consideration with instructions to submit for the approval of the Council resolutions dealing with the recommendations of the Committee, and to rescind and vary any previous resolution of the Council as may be necessary.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee under the heading " Public Health " be accepted in principle subject to consideration and report thereon by the Public Health Committee, and that the same be referred to such Committee for consideration with instructions to submit for the approval of the Council resolutions dealing with the recommendations of the Committee, and to rescind or vary any previous resolutions of the Council as may be necessary.

At the request of the Proposer and Seconder of the last-named resolution, the names of the members of the Council voting were taken down by the Town Clerk as follows :—

For :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley, Steel (11).

Against :—Councillors Davies, King-Harman and Stewart (3):

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee under the heading" Town Improvement Committee" be accepted in principle, subject to consideration and report thereon by the several Committees affected thereby, and that the same be referred to such Committees for consideration with instructions to submit for the approval of the Council resolutions dealing with the recommendations of the Committee, and to rescind or vary any previous resolutions of the Council as may be necessary.

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Resolved, That the recommendations of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee under the heading "Electricity and be accepted in principle, subject to consideration and report thereon by the Electricity and Lighting and Finance Committees, and that the same be referred to such Committees for consideration with instructions to submit for the approval of the. Council resolutions dealing with recommendations of the Committee and to rescind or vary any previous resolutions of the Council as may be necessary.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee under the heading " Water Department " be accepted in principle, subject to consideration and report by the Water Committee, and that the same be referred to such Committee for consideration with instructions to submit for the approval of the Council resolutions dealing with the recommendations of the Committee, and to rescind or vary any previous resolutions of the Council as may be necessary.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee under the heading " General Purposes and Watch be accepted in principle, subject to consideration and report thereon by the General Purposes and Watch Committee, and that the same be referred to such Committee for consideration with instructions to submit for the approval of the Council resolutions dealing with the recommendations of the Committee, and to rescind or vary any previous resolutions of the Council as may be necessary.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee under the heading " Sewage Farms " be accepted in principle, subject to consideration and report thereon by the Farms Management Committee, and that the same be referred to such Committee for consideration with instructions to submit for the approval of the Council resolutions dealing with the recommendations of the Committee, and to rescind or vary any previous resolutions of the Council as may be necessary.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee under the heading " Finance " be accepted in principle subject to consideration and report thereon by the Finance Committee and that the same be referred

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to such Committee for consideration with instructions to submit for the approval of the Council resolutions dealing with the recommendations of the Committee and to rescind or vary any previous resolutions of the Council as may be necessary.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee under the heading " Mineral Waters and Baths " be accepted in principle subject to consideration and report thereon by the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee and that the same be referred to such Committee for consideration with instructions to submit for the approval of the Council resolutions dealing with the recommendations of the Committee and to rescind or vary any previous resolutions of the Council as may be necessary.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th October, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th September, 1907. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman Pilley, and Stewart (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas, and 1 of Diphtheria, and that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 23, Brunswick Street, Rhodeville Cottage, 1 Belmont Cottages, Moorend Street, and 8, 9 and 50 Rutland Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3-Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 16, Hungerford Street, Havana Cottage, Milsom Street, Marine Stores, Milsom Street, 7 and 8, St. Paul's Street South, 29, Townsend Street, and 16, Victoria Street. — The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 12 and 13, Victoria Place, Bath Road, 8, 9, 23 and 25 Russell Street, and 23 Bloomsbury Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Overcrowding at No. 2 New's Cottages, Alstone.—The Medical Officer of Health, reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 3, Suffolk Road, The Duke of Sussex, Swindon Road, 20, Bloomsbury Street, 8, Moo-end Street, 23, Brunswick Street, and 12, Victoria Place Bath Road. — Resolved. That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mrs. Annie J. Cumming, 33, Upper Bath Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. The premises being satisfactory, Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

8—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. :—Nos. 1 and 2 Southampton Place, be required to give the

necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

9—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing formal sanctions to loans of £34,385 for works of sewage disposal, £10,310 for the construction of an outfall sewer from Arle Tank to Hayden Farm, and £1,689 in respect of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer, the latter sanction being in lieu of the consent previously issued by the Board to the appropriation of an unexpended balance of a loan raised for electric lighting purposes.

10—House in Hewlett Street, Corner of Albion Street—With reference to the covered way constructed by Mr. Hawkins at the side of a house next to St. Ann's Villas, Hewlett Street. Resolved, That no objection be raised to the construction of the drain passing under such covered way in accordance with the plan submitted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd September, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, King-Harman, Pilley and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

11—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 2 cases of Scarlet -Fever had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, and that these had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 9 and 11, York Street, 41 Upper Norwood Street, and 8 and 9, Rutland Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., The White Horse Inn, Swindon Road, No. 2 Regent Place, Swindon Road, 13 & 14 Rutland Street, and 12 and 13, Victoria Place, Bath Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

14—Insanitary Property—Nos. 8 and 9, Rutland Street, 41, Upper Norwood Street, and 12 and 13, Victoria Place, Bath Road — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Overcrowding--No. 4, Vauxhall Place, Elm Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

16—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : No. 12, Victoria Place, Bath Road, 41, Upper Norwood Street, Bayshill Cottage, St. George's Place, 25, 26 & 28 Moorend Street, and Hanley Cottage, Moorend Street—Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1859, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

17—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz.:—Dursley, Hewlett Road, 2 Strathmore Villas, St. Luke's, & 2 Dovedale Villas, St. Luke's, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

18—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from want of limewashing, leaky roofs and defective floors, and the provision of proper ash receptacles, which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

19—Destruction of Diseased Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender at the Abattoir and destruction of meat affected with tuberculosis, as follows :—On the 12th inst. 1 quarter of beef with head and organs (weight 147 lbs.), on the 17th inst. 1 quarter of beef with head and organs (224 lbs.), and on the 18th inst. carcase and offal of a pork pig (140 lbs.)

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20—Cholera, &c., Regulations-Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing points of Revised Regulations made by the Board for preventing the spread of cholera, yellow fever and plague.

21—National Health Authority—Read, a circular letter from the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee and the Medical Officer of Health for Newcastle-upon-Tyne, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend a Preliminary Conference in London in November next with a view to the establishment of a permanent Union of the Sanitary Authorities of the Kingdom into a Supreme National Health Authority.

22—Sanitary Inspectors' Conference—Read, a report by Mr. Hudson, Inspector of Nuisances, of the proceedings at the Conference of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association, held at Llandudno from the 17th to the 20th inst.

23—Abattoir—Read, a letter from the Rev. J. E. Walker, Hon. Sec. of the Local Branch of the R.S.P.C.A., asking that a hand float provided by the Society for the conveyance of calves or pigs from the Railway Stations to the Market or Abattoir might be kept at the Market or Abattoir in the charge of the Superintendent for free use by any farmer or butcher, Resolved, That the request be acceded to, and that the float be kept at the Abattoir,

24--Hatherley Outfall Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that about 1262 yards of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer had now been constructed. He proposed, with the approval of the Council, to increase the salary of Mr. T. B. Stewart, one of his Special Sewerage Assistants, under whose superintendence the work was being carried out, from 30s to £2 per week until the work was completed. Resolved, That this be approved, and the Resolution to Minute No. 22 of this Committee of the 21st March, 1906, be varied accordingly.

25—Sewage Disposal Works—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the method of carrying out the sewage disposal works, and as to the order in which the various portions of the scheme should be proceeded with. He recommended that the detritus tanks should be commenced at once, as these would be of great assistance in selecting a suitable filtering medium, and also having regard to the reconstruction of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer and the disuse of the Hatherley Tank. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the construction of the detritus tanks, and that the work be carried out by his department.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th September, 1907.—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley and Margrett (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting, the following purchases had been made :-34 head of cattle for £313 0s. 6d. and 60 sheep for £138 (total £451 0s. 6d). 39 head of cattle had been sold for £638 3s. 8d. and 9 sheep for £21 5s. 5d. (Total sales £659 0s. 1d). The number of livestock on the farms on the 20th inst. was 13 horses, 177 head of cattle, 66 sheep and 25 pigs, all doing very well. All the corn had now been harvested and 5 loads of oats and 5 loads of wheat had been threshed out for rick thatching. 6 tons 3 cwts. 3 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot, and 1 cart load of manure to Pittville Gardens. 270 lbs. of wool had been sold for £13 10s. 0d., and miscellaneous receipts amounted to £6 19s. 6d. He recommended the purchase of 2 new collars for cart horses, and that Dining Furlong at the Barn Farm be underdrained. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Farms Manager be approved and adopted, and that he be authorised accordingly.

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2—Inspection of Farms- The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Committee was held on the 4th inst., when the Farms were visited (Present:- Councillors, Gridley, King-Harman and himself). Both Farms were inspected, and the livestock and crops thereon, and, with the exception of one steer, everything was satisfactory and in good, condition. Good progress had been made with the Hatherley Outfall Sewer.

3—Stable and Harness Room, &c., at Hayden Knoll Farm—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders he had obtained for the additional stable, harness and corn, store accommodation required at Hayden Knoll Farm. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. James Drew, of Staverton, to carry out the work for £60 be accepted, his tender being the lowest.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th September, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Perrin, applying for permission to place a small projecting sign outside No. 11 Winchcombe Place. Read, a letter from Mr. Morley, applying for permission to place 3 lamps outside No. 336 High Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

2—Footpath in Leckhampton Road—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. William Hall and other residents in Leckhampton Road, calling attention to the condition of the footpath on the South East side of the road from the railway bridge to the Malvern Inn, and asking that the same should be put into proper order before next winter. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that their request will be dealt with when the question of the improvement of the footpaths in the main roads is again under consideration with the County Council.

3—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported that the Trees Sub-Committee met on the 3rd inst. Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and King-Harman. Trees in respect of which complaints had been received were inspected, and the Sub-Committee recommended as follows :—

That a decayed tree opposite Promenade Villas be removed, and that the trees opposite the Imperial Library, Cambridge Villas and Sherborne Lodge be pruned.

That alternate trees opposite Rotunda Terrace be removed.

That alternate trees on the South side of Montpellier Drive be removed.

That a dead tree near Westall Fountain be removed. That alternate trees on both sides of Sydenham Road North and Battledown Approach Road be removed.

That a tree opposite Sligo House, Pittville, be lopped, and the light railway wire attachment removed.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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4—Additions to Donnerville, King's Road-The Building Inspector reported that additions had been made to Donnerville, King's Road, in contravention of the Byelaws, no plans having been deposited or notice given of intention to build. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the person responsible for such additions to show cause why the latter should not be removed.

WILLIAM. A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 30th September, 1907., Present- Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 23rd August to the 26th September, 1907 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Coated—Granville Street (1,333 super yards), Queen Street (1,568 super yards), Naunton Lane, by Schools (650 super yards), Montpellier Spa Road (3,715 super yards), Milsom Street (77:3 super yards), King's Road (2,148 super yards), Albert Place, rear of (803 super yards), Wellington Passage (295 super yards), Fairview Street and Hall Road (proceeding).

Roads Patched—Knapp Road, Worcester Street, Waterloo Street, Stanhope Street, Bath Road, County Court Road and Rodney Road.

Roads Tar Painted—Lansdown Road (13,385 super yards), Lansdown Place (9,422 super yards).

Footpaths Tar Painted—All Saints' Road (333 super yards). Gas Trenches Repaired—Columbia Street, Swindon Lane and St. George's Road.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Suffolk Parade, Promenade and Fauconberg Villas. Sewer Trench Repaired—Wellington Passage. Footpaths Gravelled—All Saints' Road (333 super yards).

Asphalt Footpaths renewed—Douro Road and Malvern Place. Footpath Paving Repaired—Prestbury Road, Hewlett Road, Lansdown Crescent and rear, and rear of Painswick Lawn.

New Footpath Paving laid—Leckhampton Road (554 super yards). Channel Repaired—Sherborne Street, Douro Road King's Road and Granville Street.

New Asphalt Margin laid—Leckhampton Road (972 super yards). Kerb refixed—Montpellier Street, Andover Street and King's Road.

New Gateway Crossings-3. Street Crossings renewed-6. Manholes paved round-6. Water boxes paved round 7.

Gullies Renewed-7. Manhole Covers renewed-2. Chelt cleaned out—Barrett's Mill. Trees pruned ---- Glengyle, Oxford Lawn, Mulberry Villa, Wharf tile, Mona Cottage, Oxford Place, Imperial Square, Wolseley House, Arle House, Lyndale, Royal Parade, Oldbury, Stanley Villa, Seaforth, The Uplands, Bayshill House, Felling Lodge, Instow, Lansdown Terrace, Lansdown Crescent, Applegarth, Lake House, Cotswold, Dewerstone House, College Lawn and Thirlestaine House.

Dead Trees Felled-2 in Gloucester Road. Shrubs pruned—Ravenhurst. Hedge pruned—Naunton Lane.

Ivy pruned—Montpellier Terrace.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended 26th Sept., 1907, 1, 179 loads collected, 1,091 consumed, and 88 tipped away. Weight consumed, 922 tons 1 cwt.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 19th Sept., 1907, 1,123 $\frac{1}{3}$ square yards of slabs and 1,880 lineal foot of kerb made.

6--View Meeting—The following members attended the Meeting on Friday last Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman and Ley Wood.

7—Report of Plans Sub-Committee-The chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 10th and 27th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

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8—Report of Stores Sub-Committee re Horses, &c.—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 18th inst. (Present The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall (Chairman), and Gridley. They inspected the horses at the Depot, and instructions were given for 3 of the horses to be sent to the Farms for a rest. The Sub-Committee recommended that the remainder of the stables be lighted by electricity at an estimated cost of £5 10s. Resolved. That the action and recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

9—Royal Crescent Garden—The Committee considered a proposal made by Mr. J. L. Robertson on behalf of the owners and occupiers of property in Royal Crescent for rounding off the corner of the Crescent Garden opposite No. 5 Crescent Terrace. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the improvement would be about £15. Resolved, That the same be carried out

10—Private Improvement Works—America Passage and Channelling in front of Oriel Terrace &c., Oriel Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted specifications, plans and estimates of the works required to be done to the above streets. Resolved, That the same be approved, that notices be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852 to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within :IS days ; and that if such notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

11—Footpath in front of Oriel Terrace—Resolved, That as soon as the channelling ordered to be done by the abutting owners has been carried out the Borough Surveyor be instructed to complete the repaving of the footpath in Oriel Terrace from Bath Road to Rodney Road.

12—Ashes Collection—Read, letters from Mrs. Fawcett and Mr. J. A. Smith asking that the refuse from their houses be collected twice a week. Resolved. That the Committee regret that they cannot recommend the Council to accede to the request.

13—No 15, Ambrose Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tenant of No. 15 Ambrose Street desired that the interior should be repainted and papered. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary.

14—Naunton Lane—Suggested Improvement—With reference to the offer received from Mr. F. Jenkins to give up a strip of land part of the Trowscoed Estate for the widening of a portion of Naunton

Lane, the Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the suggested improvement, the cost of which would be about £700. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to entertain the offer in its present form.

15—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—Whitehart Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Whitehart Street had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £48 2s. 9d., which amount he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners in accordance with the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand of repayment be served Upon the owners named therein.

16—Refuse Destructor—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing their formal sanction to a loan of £3,400 for additions to the Refuse Destructor, the period allowed for repayment being 20 years.

17—Keynsham Road Private improvement Works —Read, a letter from Sir. R. T. J. Price asking the Council to reconsider the demand made upon him to pave the footpath in front of his property in Keynsham Road. Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to alter their previous resolution.

18—Seat in Hale's Road, near Breckenbrough—Read, a letter from Mr. R. H. Yabsley asking that a public seat in Hale's Road near Breckenbrough should be removed on account of its causing a nuisance. Resolved. That the seat be removed.

19—Additions to Donnerville, King's Road—With reference to the notice served upon the owner of Donnerville, King's Road, to show cause why some additions made by him to that house should not be removed, read a letter from Mr. E. Eager, builder, stating that he had carried out the work in ignorance of the provisions of the By-laws, and apologising for his non-compliance. Resolved. That the apology be accepted and no further action taken, provided a plan be deposited without feather delay.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th Sept., 1907. Present : Councillors Baker and King-Harman (Councillor Baker in the Chair.)

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
572	Cheltenham College Council	Additions to Cheltondale.
573	Cavendish House Co., Ltd.	Machine Room adjoining Workshops, Regent Street.
574	Cavendish House Co., Ltd.	New Work-room adjoining Pantechnicon, Regent Street.
575	G. Ollerenshaw	Additions to 92 Winchcombe Street.
576	Horace Edwards	New Bathroom, Strathavon, London Road.

577	A. L. Soames	New Gymnasium, Suffolk Hall.
578	G. Baldwin	New washhouse, rear of 1, Grange Crescent.
579	F. Fisher	Stable and Coachhouse, rear of new house, Hall Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 572 be disapproved, and that all the other plans be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 27th September, 1907. Present: Councillors Baker Bendall and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

9—New Buildings--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
580	A. Hawkins	New Conservatory, Underwood, Sydenham Villas Road.
581	H. Unwin	Alterations to White Lodge, Hatherley Lane.
582	H. J. & A. Bradshaw	Two Semi-detached Villas, Halland Road.
572	Cheltenham College Council	Additions to Cheltondale, College Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 582 and 572 be disapproved, that Plans Nos. 580 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 581 be approved, subject to the existing drainage being made to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and to proper ventilation being provided in the case of one room in which no fire place is provided for.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd September, 1907---Present : The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Packer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee, re Musical Afternoons Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended:

(1) " That the Musical Afternoons for 1907-8 commence on the 14th prox. (two weeks earlier than list year), and end on the 27th March, 1908, the concerts to be from 3.15 to 5.15 on each week-day, except Saturday, and to be held in the Town Hall (if engaged, in the Winter Garden).

(2) That Mr. Teague be engaged to provide a band of 17 performers (including himself as conductor) at a charge of £22 per week, the Corporation to pay in addition one-third of the cost (not exceeding 30s) of the insurance of the band against claims for compensation for accident.

(3) That the terms of subscription be as follows :—

Family Ticket (unlimited) ...	£2 2 0
“ (To admit 4)	£1 11 6
Single Season Ticket	£0 10 6
“ (For Children under 16)	£0 5 0
Single Ticket ...	£ 0 0 6
Book of 12 Tickets	£0 6 0

(4) That the offer of Mr. H. G. Norman to pay £25 for the sole right to publish and sell the programmes at the Concerts be accepted.

(5) That the offer of the Oriental Cafe Company of £7 10s. plus the cost of gas used for heating purposes, for the sole right to supply refreshments at the Concerts be accepted.

(6) That £3 3s. be paid to the Society of French Authors and Composers in respect of the use of French copyright music.

Resolved. That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Clarence Square—Read, a letter from Mr. E. Parker asking that the gaps in the hedges surrounding the Clarence Square Garden should be filled in, and complaining of the use of the gardens by children whose parents did not reside in the square. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to give the matters referred to his attention.

3—Applicants for "Illustrated Guide."—Read, a letter from the Station Master G.W.R. applying on behalf of the Company to be furnished weekly with the names and addresses of the applicants for the " Illustrated Guide," issued free by the Corporation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to supply this information.

4—Pittville Park—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds suggesting that conspicuous notices requesting visitors to Pittville Park not to interfere with the wild birds there should be put up in the gardens. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have suitable notice plates placed in the gardens inviting ratepayers to assist in the protection of their own property, and cautioning persons against picking the flowers, injuring the birds or throwing stones.

5—Promenade Long Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. W. Molson, of The Grove, Douro Road, had presented 2 banana trees to the Corporation, and these had been placed in the Promenade Long Garden. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donor for his gift.

WILLIAM A. BAKER. Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th Sept., 1907. Present—Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 9th and 10th and 12th and 13th inst. he had tested the gas for purity, the number of grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet being 37 and 33 respectively.

2—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 17th inst. there were 927 consumers, with an equivalent of 62,356 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 881 and 59,180 respectively.

3—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

4—Regulations under Factory and Workshop Act, 1901—Read, a circular letter from the Home Office, enclosing draft regulations proposed to be issued under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, with regard to the generation, transformation, distribution and use of electrical energy. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had no observations to make upon the proposed regulations.

5—Coal Contract—In view of the present condition of the coal market, Resolved, That this Committee be authorised obtain prices for the supply of coal for storage, and to accept a satisfactory tender.

6 -Loan for Plant Extensions—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that they were unable to extend the period allowed for repayment of the loan recently sanctioned from 16 years to 25 years.

7—Public Lighting—Read, a letter from Mr. H. J. Bradshaw calling attention to the need for lamps in Holland Road. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned for the Committee to view, and that Hale's Road be also visited with reference to a suggestion that additional lamps are needed there.

8—Electric Supply to New Club—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Committee of the New Club now proposed on his suggestion to have a transformer fixed upon their premises, and they desired to hire a transformer from the Corporation. He recommended that this be agreed to, the Corporation to fix a transformer on the Club premises and maintain the same in a reasonable state of efficiency, the Club to agree to hire the same for 7 years from the 29th inst. at a rent of £9 per annum, payable quarterly, the Club to be entitled to determine the hiring at any time after the expiration of 1 year on 3 months' notice and payment of a lump sum calculated at the rate of £3 per annum for the unexpired portion of the 7 years, the hiring after the 7 years to be determinable by 1 month's notice. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 26th September, 1907.—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Inspection of Dowdeswell Works and Springs—The Committee visited Dowdeswell, and inspected the Reservoir and filters. They also inspected the Redwood, Dowdeswell, Rosley and New Springs, and approved recommendations made by the Borough Engineer for the better protection of certain of the sources of supply from contamination, and instructed him to carry the same into effect.

2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:-

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 18th Sept., 1907.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	185,760 gallons	147,200 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	323,322 "	266,370 "
Leckhampton	20,160 "	not gauged.
Total	543,242 "	413,570 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Sept. 18th, 1907.		Sept. 18th, 1906.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	---	25,457,060 galls	---	20,240,064 gallons
Leckhampton	6ft. 5in.	866,742 "	6ft. 2in.	832,974 "
Dowdeswell	20ft. 7in.	47,019,562 "	15ft. 8in.	29,289,315 "
Total Storage		73,343,364 "		50,362,353 "

Pumping had been continued at Tewkesbury for five weeks, and recommenced on the 24th inst. Extensions of mains for the supply of new property had been carried out in Mill Lane, Prestbury, and Naunton Lane,

3—Tewkesbury Water Supply—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury stating that Mr. Hone desired to have the Severn water laid on to his field adjoining the Odessa Inn within the Borough of Tewkesbury, and asking that the supply should be furnished from the Cheltenham main on the same terms as other connections have already been made with such main. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Contract for Coal—The Town Clerk reported that the contractor for the supply of slack coal to the Tewkesbury Works was willing to extend the period of supply to the 1st April next provided the Corporation agreed to pay 9s 3d per ton, being an increase of 3d. Resolved, That the condition be agreed to, and a contract entered into accordingly,

5—Appeals—The cases entered into the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th September, 1907—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bendall and M. Davis (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Inspector Lane reported that with the exception of premises at Farm Cottage, Lower Alstone, which had not yet been declared free from Swine Fever, the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

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Swine Fever Regulations—The Town Clerk reported that the Executive Committee for the County; had, upon the suggestion of an Inspector of the Board of Agriculture, revoked the Order made by them in May last imposing restrictions upon the movement of swine to and from markets. Resolved, That the similar Order made by this Committee on the 31st May last be revoked, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give public notice of such revocation.

Glanders or Farcy—The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Board of Agriculture prints of an Order issued by them entitled the Glanders or Farcy Order, 1907, which would come into operation on the 1st January next. In accordance with the instructions of the Board he had given public notice of the provisions of the Order by means of posters and handbills.

2- Report of Fire Brigade Captain--The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 22nd inst. the Brigade had been called to an outbreak of fire at Brockhampton Farm. Damage about £50. Extinction expenses £16 1s. 0d. Cause of outbreak unknown. Property insured.

The Town Clerk reported that Mr. H. H. Peet, of Swindon Hall, desired to bear testimony to the promptitude and efficiency of the Brigade in dealing with the outbreak.

Read, a letter from Dr. Mouat-Biggs, Hon. Surgeon to the Brigade, asking the Council to pay for the badges gained by 8 members of the Brigade who had passed the First Aid Examination of the Fire Brigades' Union and the examiner's fee, a total of £2 5s.

Resolved, That the amount be paid.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a pair of reins for the Fire Engine leaders.

3—Cookery School, Tivoli—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with the County Council embodying the terms arranged by the Education Committee. Under this agreement the County Council agreed to give instruction in cookery and laundry work to pupils attending the Elementary Schools in the Borough for a fee of 7s 6d to be paid for each pupil receiving instruction in cookery, and 5s 6d for instruction in laundry work, the agreement to continue in operation until the 25th March, 1911, unless determined on the 31st July, in any previous year by either party by notice given before the previous 25th March ; if not so determined the agreement to continue until determined on the 31st July in any subsequent year by the like notice. In the event of the agreement being determined by either party before the 25th March, 1911, the Corporation to take an assignment of the lease for the remainder of the term, and to acquire the plant at a valuation. The lease held by the County Council was for a term of 21 years from the 25th March, 1904, determinable at the option of the lessees at the end of the first 7, 10 or 15 years, the rent being £17 per annum. Resolved, That the agreement be approved as settled by the Town Clerk, and that the Common Seal be authorised to be affixed thereto.

4—Shop Hours Act, 1904—Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops Closing Order, 1907—The Town Clerk reported that notice of intention to make this Order had been duly advertised in the newspapers and posted in the streets as required by the Order of the Home Office. He had received a letter from Mr. James Anderton making objection that the terms of Clause 3 of the Order were too wide, and that the same should be limited to licensed plate dealers. Also a letter from Messrs. Salmon & Gluckstein claiming that the Order would not apply to them, as they only sold tobacco and smokers' requisites, which were exempted by the Act. No other objections had been received to the Order.

Resolved, That the Order be proceeded with, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to have the signatures to the representation in favour of the Order verified, and give the notice as to Inspection of Register, etc., required by the Order of the Home Office.

5—National Telephone Company's Charges—The Chairman reported that at a meeting of the Committee, appointed by the Public Meeting of Telephone Users, held on Thursday, the 12th inst., the Provincial Superintendent (Mr. Dalzell) and the local Manager of the Cheltenham Branch of the Telephone Company (Mr. Pike) attended, and Mr. Dalzell explained to the Committee that the new scale had been most carefully considered by the Company, and was framed with a view to the development of the system, and to encourage the use of the same by small users, It would enable the Company to improve their service, as it would eliminate frivolous calls and also reduce the number of " engaged " calls. The principle of the measured rate was being adopted in other countries. At the same time the Company recognised the assistance and support they had received from old subscribers when the system was of much less use

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owing to the small number of users, and they did na intend to apply the new scale to existing subscribers,, who would be served at the old flat rate as long as they continued customers. The Committee thanked Mr. Dalzell for attending, and expressed their satisfaction at the intention of the Company not to apply the scale to old subscribers. The Town Clerk reported that he had forwarded to Mr. Dalzell a copy of the minutes of the meeting as above set out.

6—Petroleum Licences—On the report of the Inspector that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved, That licences for the storage of petroleum for one year from the 5th proximo be granted as follows :—

Name.	Place of Storage.	No. of Gallons.
Major Shewell	Cotswold, Thirlestaine Road	250
H. E. Steel, Ltd.	105, High Street	400
E. A. Stretton	Million Works, Bath Road	250
H. G. Norton & Co.	416, High Street	200
A. R. Doxsey	Carriage Works, near St. James' Square	120
J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd.	34, Winchcombe Street	100
“ “	2, Exchange Buildings, Bath Road	50
E. S. Holloway	3, St. Mark's Emporium	100
T. W. Harvey & Sons, Ltd.	180 and 181 High Street	100
J. Gapper	Cleveland Street	80
A. G. Sanders	22, Clarence Street	80

Jacobs, Smith & Co.	104, High Street	50
D. Davies	149, High Street	50
Albert Lusty	7, 8 and 9 Larput Place (rear of)	50
M. Bellamy	251, High Street	40

7—Public Halls, &c.—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the adequacy or otherwise of the means of ingress and egress provided at the various public halls and other places of public resort in the Borough, and particularly as to the sufficiency of the means of exit in case of fire or panic.

8—Municipal Election Papers—The Town Clerk reported that there was a great accumulation of election papers, which he suggested should now be destroyed. Resolved, That he be authorised to have all such papers dating back more than 4 years burned at the Destructor.

9—Motor Car—The question of the nuisance and danger caused by the high speed at which many motor cars are driven through the streets was considered. Resolved, That the matter be further considered at the next meeting with a view to a limit being placed on the speed.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th September, 1907 Present:—Alderman Rogers, Councillors Marshall and the Baron de Ferrieres (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 3,295 visits made to the Art Gallery since July 10th. The exhibition of pictures just closed was much appreciated and attracted many visitors, more than 900 catalogues being sold.

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The Gallery was now occupied by pictures selected from the Royal Academy and the New Gallery.

Mr. Sydney Herbert had lent a painting by himself, and Mr. Hyatt a bronze bust of the Bishop of London.

The following gifts had been received: —Mr. Havilland Bushnell, rock specimens ; Mrs. Daubeny, shells, etc. ; G. E. Phelps, birds' eggs ; Mrs. Griffiths, 4 cases of dried flowers ; Mr. L. Richardson, fossils ; Dr. E. T. Wilson, fossils ; The Baron de Ferrieres, print of local War Memorial ; Rev. A. O. Elwell, 18 Franked Addresses.

3-Loan of Objects from Cleve Hill Pit Dwellings—Read, a letter from Mr. G. W. S. Brewer stating that the conditions upon which he had lent a number of objects obtained from pit dwellings on Cleve Hill were as follows :—That as soon as funds allowed all the objects should be exhibited in proper cases, with a card stating that they were lent by him, any deemed unsuitable being returned to him, and that on six months' written notice by either the Committee or himself the exhibits should be returned to him. Resolved, That the loan be accepted upon the conditions mentioned.

4—Show Cases--The 4 tenders obtained for show case tables required for the Museum were opened and considered. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. H. H. Martyn Co., Ltd., for the making of 4 cases at a cost of £3 9s. 6d. each subject to a discount of 2 ½ per cent. be accepted.

5 -Lighting of Museum—The Curator called the attention of the Committee to the fact that some provision must be made for the lighting of the Museum if it is to be opened to the public in the evening during the winter months. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the present.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 10th [?] September, 1907. Present :—Councillors Baker, Merrett and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts ...	£363 1 4
Rent of Shop ••. ...	£ 24 0 0
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium, etc.	<u>£ 8 19 11</u>
	£306 1 3
Payments	£241 19 8
Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£220 17 1</u>
	£462 16 9

2 —Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows :—

Receipts	£245 11 2	Payments	£193 5 6
		Interest Redemption (proportion of) ...	<u>£135 11 2</u>
	£245 11 2		£328 16 8

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3—Recreation Ground, Superintendents—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application by the Superintendents of the three Recreation Grounds to be supplied with overcoats. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the supply of overcoats for the superintendents.

4—Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground--Read, letters from the Hon. Secs. of the Gas Green and North Ward Football Clubs thanking the Committee for the permission granted them to play on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground this season, of which, however, it would be unnecessary for the Clubs to avail themselves.

Read, letters from the Hon. Sec. 1st G.R.E.V. and the Early Closers Football Clubs applying for permission to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground this season. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to, subject to the usual conditions.

Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. St. Paul's Wednesday Association Football Club for permission to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the application be not granted, there being no ground available.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th September, 1907—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Murat, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1--Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery recommended that 1 pit light for plants and seedlings, 12 rose trees, a supply of bulbs for bedding, and 12 loads of farmyard manure be obtained. He submitted a form of notice for exhibition in the Cemetery that persons found stealing plants or flowers would be prosecuted, and that no flowers, etc., must be taken out of the Cemetery without the permission of the Superintendent. Resolved, That the recommendations and notice be approved, the cost of the bulbs not to exceed 50s, and the manure to be obtained from the Corporation Farms.

2—Land adjoining Cemetery---The Superintendent reported that a portion of the land now let to Mr. E. Minett would shortly be required for interments, Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Minett to terminate his tenancy on the 25th March next.

3-Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved : Headstones to graves of Jonas King Carr, Ruth Caudle, Agnes Thomas, Alice Mary and Mary Cull, Mary Bullock and James Bedward. Memorial Crosses to graves of Anna Lilian Cornock, and Kate Higgins. Kerbing to grave of Henry George.

4—Tenders for Painting—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders he had obtained for the painting, etc., required at the Cemetery :-

A. C. Billings & Sons	£13 0 0
C. H. Rainger & Son	£16 0 0
C. Malvern & Son	£17 13 0
Collins & Godfrey ...	£19 10 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Billings be accepted.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th September, 1907—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Marshall, Merrett, King-Harman and Stewart, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Cresswell and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 11s. 1d. Presentations :—Baron de Ferrieres, 4 vols. ; Anon, 1 vol. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department from the 12th ult. to the 14th inst. was 1,258, the daily average issue being 3 less than for the corresponding period last year The issues from the Lending Department numbered 8,393, there being a similar decrease in the daily average issue of 30.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th inst. (Present : Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors King-Harman and Merrett). They recommended (1) That the offer of the National Federation of Women Workers to present monthly " The Woman Worker " be accepted, (2) That " The Woodworker and Art Metal Worker" be added to the list of periodicals at a cost of 1s 2d per annum, (3) That a selection of books from the lists submitted be purchased at a cost of about £6 10s.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st October, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Merrett, Marshall and Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1---General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £21,017 9s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £1,885 4s. 7d.

2 Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £11,433 15s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £994 3s. 0d.

3--Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received upon loan since the last meeting £400, and this amount he proposed to apply to the Hatherley Outfall Sewer Loan. Resolved, That a debenture for £400 be sealed and issued accordingly.

4—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 27th August last		£15,939 1 0
Received since that date (including loans £5,000)		<u>£14,684 4 6</u>
		£30,623 5 6
Paid since that date (including £7,000 invested with Great Yarmouth Corporation)		<u>£25,435 13 3</u>
	In hand	£ 5,187 12 3
Being General Accounts	£1,890 3 7	
Sinking Funds	<u>£3,297 8 8</u>	
	£5,187 12 3	

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 7th October, 1907, at 3 p.m., Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM GEORGE NORMAN JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 2nd September last and 2nd October instant, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2 -Public Health Committee— Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 23rd September last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th September last, be approved and confirmed.

4-Street and Highway Committee— Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 30th September last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee---Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd September last be approved and confirmed.

6-Electricity and Lighting Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th September last, be approved and confirmed.

7-Water Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 26th September last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th September last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Art Gallery and Museum Committee— Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery- and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th September last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th September last, be approved and confirmed.

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11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th September last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st October instant, be approved and confirmed. Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly Authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

13-Letters, Memorials, &c.—Read, letters enclosing copies of resolutions passed by the Ratepayers' Association and the Cheltenham Branch of the Independent Labour Party with reference - to the Report of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee, and from the Ratepayers' Association with reference. to a speed limit for motor cars within the Borough. Resolved, That the same be referred to the proper committees for consideration.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Saturday, the 9th November, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th October, 1907, Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Dorries, M. Davis, King-Harman, Pilley, and Stewart (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Scarlet Fever, 3 cases of Erysipelas. and 1 case of Diphtheria, and that 1 case of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 5, Ambrose Place — The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owners to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Pembroke House, St. James' Place, 3 Corpus Street, Cottage at Hester's Way, 4 Sherborne Place & 23 Brunswick Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 40 and 42 Leighton Road, 40a, St. Paul's Street 29, Dunalley Parade, 28 & 29 Rutland Street and 4 St. Paul's Street South. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved. That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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The White Horse Inn, 2, Regent Place, Swindon Road, and 13, Rutland Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, eke, on or belonging to the above premises and found the same in bad condition, and requiring amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of the works required to be done. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the necessary works within 28 days from the service of the notices.

5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 48 Swindon Street, 4 Mapledene Cottages, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Prince's Place, Duke Street, and Pembroke House, St. James's Place — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of tire inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6-----Overcrowding at House in Hester's Way.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 23 Brunswick Street, 2 Hinckley Cottages, New Street, 2 and 7 Gloucester Place, 13, Moorend Street, 1 Gordon Terrace, 11, Jersey Place, 29, Marle Hill Road, 1 St. Paul's Street South, and 4, Mapledene Cottages., Naunton Lane. Resolved, That

the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 86 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz.: Nos. 3 and 10, St. Paul's Street, South, 23, Montpellier Villas, and St. Alban's Montpellier Villas be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

9 --Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 2nd inst. a number of pigs' plucks (weight 252 lbs.) imported from Ireland were found to be unsound, unwholesome and unfit for human food, and were surrendered by the consignee and destroyed.

10—Report of Expenditure Enquiry Committee—The Committee having, in accordance with the reference to them by the Council, considered this Report as it affects the Health Department, it was Resolved, To submit the following report and observations thereon, viz :—

Salary of Medical Officer of Health—(1) The Committee regret that Dr. Garrett, labouring no doubt under a sense of injustice, should have made reflections on members of the Council, which the Committee consider to have been unjust and the effect of which was partly to obscure the more relevant facts of his rejoinder to the Report. The Committee, however, understand that Dr. Garrett disclaims the intention of imputing dishonourable motives to the Council, nor does he think that these references fairly bear the offensive construction placed upon them. The point he wished to make was that members against whom his department has had to take action were "interested parties," and were, therefore, according to ordinary principles, not a fair tribunal to deal with the question of his salary.

(2) No variation in the salary of the Medical Officer of Health can take place without the approval of the Local Government Board, by whom one half the salary is contributed. The minimum salary fixed by the Local Government Board for a Medical Officer of Health giving his whole time to his duties in a place such as Cheltenham

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is £500. In 1901 the Board approved of the proposal of the Council to increase Dr. Garrett's salary by £100 at the end of nine years' efficient service. Now that six years have been added to that term of service, and seeing that the population of the town has increased in the interval, and that the responsibilities have been added to rather than lessened, it can hardly be imagined that the Board would give its sanction to a reduction, based on the sole ground of economy, and with a full acknowledgment of the continued efficiency of the Medical Officer's service. The Committee cannot therefore recommend the rescindment of the resolution to which the Inquiry Committee refer in their report.

Inspectors of Nuisances--(1) This Committee, with a full sense of its responsibility for the Public Health, consider that the present staff is not more than is sufficient to carry on the work of the Department in an efficient manner. The staff has been strengthened from time to time as the needs have arisen with the deliberate sanction of the Council with a full knowledge of those needs, and the reduction of the staff would be a retrograde step involving a responsibility which the Committee cannot willingly incur. (2) The Committee append a statement prepared by Mr. Hudson of the work which has to be done by himself and the two Assistant Inspectors ; while the particulars of other towns, which are set out in the Report of Dr. Garrett to the Council, show that the staff is a moderate one for the work it has to do, in comparison with other towns of similar size and character to Cheltenham. The Committee, moreover, would respectfully remind the Council that a reduction of the staff after it has been deliberately constituted by the Council's own action is an injustice to the present Inspectors, who have given up similar appointments in other towns on the Council's invitation. While the Committee are of opinion that the course proposed by the Inquiry Committee could only be taken at any time with the risk of a serious sacrifice of efficiency, the question of adopting it should, in common fairness, stand over until a vacancy arises.

Statement of Duties of Inspectors in Health Department—Number of houses, etc., requiring periodical inspection by the staff of the Health Department :—

Number of Houses in the Borough	..	..	11,064
“ Let in Lodgings	..	.	202
“ Common Lodging Houses	..	..	6
“ Food Shops	..	..	565
“ Bakehouses	..	..	48
“ Cowsheds ...	..	.	14
“ Dairies and Milkshops ...	..	..	59
“ Workshops, Workplaces and Laundries			520
“ Outworkers' Premises	..		94
“ Slaughter Houses (Private)	..		17
“ Public Houses re Sanitary Conveniences			168
“ Sanitary Stables, Pig Styes, etc.,			
where animals are kept	..		332
“ Noxious or Offensive Trades	..		16

The Inspectors' duties arise out of the requirements of numerous Acts of Parliament, whose number is continually being added to and new duties thus imposed, The chief of these Acts of Parliament are the Public Health Act, 1875, Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1885, 1890, 1903, the Infectious Diseases Notification Act, 1889, the Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890, the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889. In addition to the above we have also six sets of Sanitary Byelaws.

House-to-house inspection is a most important part of the Sanitary Inspectors' work, but owing to pressure in other branches it has not been possible to pay as much attention to this as we ought. During last year 1,496 houses were systematically inspected, and in 1905 the number was 3,252.

The 525 Workshops, Workplaces and Laundries require inspecting at least twice a year, and in the case of those workshops. etc., which are found in any way infringing the Factory and Workshop Act, they of course require visiting several times. Last year owing to pressure of work in St. Paul's district one inspection only of each of these places was made. The same remark applies to the visiting of Outworkers' premises, one visit only having been made to each house instead of two as required by the Factory and Workshop Act.

The 202 Houses Let in Lodgings which are on the register ought to be visited at least once in each year. In this connection inquiries have constantly to be made to insure the addition to the list of all houses let in lodgings.

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The six Common Lodging Houses are visited at least once every week, and on occasions three or four times a week. It is also necessary to make inspections of these places occasionally during the night when the people are in bed to see that the bye-laws relating to overcrowding, separation of sexes, etc., are being observed.

The 48 Bakehouses have to be visited twice a year, and many of them have to be re-visited to see that notices served have been complied with. The average number of visits required to be paid to these bakehouses would be about 150 per annum.

The Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops require constant attention, and should be visited at the least three times a year ; this would mean 229 visits.

The 565 shops where food is sold should be inspected at as frequent intervals as possible, the more important such as Butchers, Fishmongers, Greengrocers, etc., should be visited weekly. The number of shops requiring weekly inspection amount to 156. There are 17 private slaughter-houses in use in the borough, and these are inspected as often as possible, both during the day and in the evenings, the inspections being made as far as possible at the time the animals are being killed and dressed for food.

Periodical visits are required to the 168 Public House Urinals to see that they are kept in a clean and sanitary condition. These places ought to be visited four times a year.

There are 332 places where animals are kept, and it is absolutely necessary that these premises should be frequently visited to prevent the nuisances which arise from neglect to comply with the bye-laws relating to the removal of manure, etc.

Disinfection of goods such as mattresses, bedding, clothing, etc., and the fumigation of rooms is done after all infectious diseases, also after cancer and tuberculosis, and when required disinfection of bedding, clothing, etc., etc., is done for the Hospitals and Institutions and for private persons to destroy vermin or any other purpose, and for neighbouring local authorities who have no disinfecting apparatus of their own.

The disinfector removes all things requiring disinfection, takes charge of the disinfecting apparatus, and makes routine inquiries into infectious cases, etc.

In addition to the above, the testing of all sanitary and drainage work of existing houses is done by the inspectors of this department. From 1895 to 1906 no less than 2,622 drains were laid under our

supervision, an average of 208 per year. During the same period 9,137 smoke and water tests were applied to drains and soil pipes, or an average of 830 tests a year.

In connection with this work it has been the practice for some time past to draw a block plan of all premises drained, with a statement of the work done, and for whom done, etc., the whole forming a complete record of the sanitary condition of the place. Up to this date, 1,200 block plans of houses showing line of drains have been drawn and records made.

In addition to the foregoing there are a number of registers and other books to be kept in the department. These are arranged so as to form as far as possible a continuous record of the sanitary conditions of each of the premises in respect of which any action has been taken under the Public Health Acts.

All notices which are served in connection with our work are sent out from this office, and it is our practice to draw up specifications of the work required to be done for the abatement of nuisances. These detailed specifications (of which some 320 were sent out last year) greatly assist property owners and builders in complying with our requirements. More than 700 notices and letters were served during 1906, requesting structural amendments to be made, with a view to getting the work done without legal proceedings; these letters and notices affected many premises, almost entirely dwelling-houses. Innumerable verbal notices have been given concerning trivial nuisances, and also where nuisances required immediate treatment. A considerable additional correspondence is also entailed by the work of the department.

After service of a notice of any sort a re-inspection is required to ascertain the compliance or non-compliance with the requisition, and in some instances numerous re-inspections are necessary in connection with the same notice before it can be marked upon our books as complied with.

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The following books and registers are kept in the department ;—

The Registers of Common Lodging Houses, Houses Let in Lodgings, Slaughterhouses, Bakehouses, Factory and Workshops, Outworkers' premises, Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops, Infectious: Diseases notified, Nuisances and House-to-House Inspections, Inspectors' Daily Report book, Complaint book, Medical Officer's Agenda book, Letter books, Notice books, Sanitary Certificate book, Drainage Record book, etc.

11—Diseased Cattle—Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board asking that the officers of the local authority engaged in administering the provisions of the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Orders should be instructed to observe particularly the condition of the cows which come under their notice, and where animals are clearly diseased and unfit for food, steps should be taken as far as practicable to ensure that in the event of the same being slaughtered the carcasses are properly disposed of, and not sent to London and other large towns for food. The Board also suggested that the cattle markets and slaughter-houses in the district should also be watched closely with the same object.

12—Sewers in Tivoli and Leckhampton Districts Read, a letter from the Local Government Board asking to be furnished with a copy of the Borough Surveyor's Report on the sewers in the

Leckhampton and Tivoli districts. Resolved, That the Board be informed that owing to pressure of work in connection with the Sewage Disposal Works and New Outfall Sewers, the Borough Surveyor has not yet been able to report upon the sewers in the districts referred to.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st October, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman, and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

13—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that no case of infectious disease had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee.

14—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 18 Burton Street, 10 Croft Street, Tullock's Cottage, Swindon Road, and 2 Exmouth Terrace.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section - requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

15—Nuisances from Drains, etc., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9, Hereford Place, 7, Rodney Place, 1, 2, 3 and 4 Hereford Court and 28 and 29, Rutland Street. — The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

No. 12, Victoria Place, Bath Road. The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to No. 12 Victoria Terrace, Bath Road, and found the same to be in bad condition, and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the works required to be done. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner of the premises requiring them to carry out the necessary works within 28 days from the service of the notice.

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16—Insanitary Property—Nos. 1 to 9 New's Cottages, Alstone, 18 Burton Street, 1 & 2 Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane, & 1 and 2 Glen Cottages, Folly Lane. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

17--Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following it in lodgings, viz. :—Nos. 27 Grosvenor Street, 4 Henrietta Street, 7 Pittville Terrace, and 8 and 34 All Saints' Road be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified

in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

18--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles The inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz Eaton, Cottage, Radnor, Ashburnam Cottage, 1, Glendale Cottages, and 1, Moorend Cottages, Moorend Street, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

19—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the provision of proper ash receptacles, and the abatement of nuisances arising from defective floors, ceilings, &c., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

20--Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 17th inst. the carcase and offal of a bacon pig (weight & Nibs.), found to be affected with tuberculosis, was surrendered and destroyed.

21—St. Paul's District Sewers—The Borough Surveyor presented a Report upon the completion of the re-construction of the sewers in St. Paul's District. The combined length of new sewers and surface water drains laid exceeded six miles. 168 manholes had been provided, and at the head of each sewer a ventilating column and a flushing chamber had been fixed. All old sewers had either been removed or filled with lime. The estimated cost of the works was £10,220, and the actual cost of the works carried out was £10,100, including payments for compensation, leaving a small balance of the loan available for repair and maintenance of the trenches during the next few months.

22—Special Report by Medical Officer upon the Elementary Schools—The Medical Officer of Health presented a Report made by him at the request of the Education Committee upon the present condition of the elementary schools in the Borough, showing how far the recommendations in his previous report upon the schools had been carried out. Resolved, That the Report be referred to the Education Committee.

23--Notification of Births Act, 1907—Read, a circular letter from the Executive Committee of the National Conference on Infantile Mortality urging the Council to take steps at an early date to adopt the Notification of Births Act, 1907, and make its provisions effective within the Borough. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to report as to the expediency of adopting the Act.

24—Definition of " Sewer" and " Drain"—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Wood Green Urban District Council referring to the decision of the Court of Appeal in the case of that Council r. Joseph, and stating that provided other local authorities were willing to contribute to the cost an appeal would be made to the House of Lords. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to contribute towards the costs of the proposed appeal, as they consider that this is a question which should be dealt with by further legislation.

25—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—Read, a letter from Mr. J. G. Villar with reference to the compensation to be paid to owners and occupiers of land along the line of the new Hatherley Outfall Sewer.

Resolved, That the matter he referred to the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, (mailman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on, Friday, the 18th October, 1907,—Present : The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, King—Harman and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting, 46 head of cattle had been purchased for £549 2s. 6d. 27 head of cattle had been sold for £456 9s. 3d. and 5 sheep for £12 11s. 9d. (Total sales £469 1s. 0d.) The number of livestock on the Farms on the 18th inst. was 12 horses and 1 colt, 196 head of cattle, 61 sheep and 25 pigs, all doing very well. The hedges had been trimmed and ditches cleaned out at Hayden and Barn Farms. 1 ton 9 cwt. of wheat straw and 4 tons 4 cwt. 2 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. £2 17s. 9d. had been received for mangolds. He reported that the roofs, spoutings, &c., at Haydon Knoll Farmhouse and at Barn Farm were defective and required immediate attention. A new wheelbarrow was required at Hayden. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain an estimate for the repairs necessary to the roofs and spouting, and that a new wheelbarrow be obtained for the Farms.

2—Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee—The Report and recommendations of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee with respect to the Sewage Farms were considered. Resolved, That further consideration of the recommendation as to paying off the mortgages on the farms be adjourned for full information as to the mortgages on the farms, and the annual amount required to repay the same within such a period of years as would be granted by the Local Government Board for a loan.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th October, 1907. Present, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Steam Road Roller—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimates he had obtained for the supply of a small roller suitable for patching and adaptable for hauling and street watering purposes. Resolved, That the Committee be empowered to purchase a small roller at a cost not exceeding £450.

2 Telephone Wire across Bath Street to Wellington Street—Read, a letter from Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co., applying for permission to carry a single telephone wire from their premises in Bath Street to their stores in Wellington Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to an agreement being entered into to remove or alter the wire at any time when the Corporation think fit, and indemnifying the Corporation against any claim for damage in consequence of the placing of the wire.

3--Road near Leckhampton Schools—Read, a letter from the Rev. Canon Proctor stating that the Managers of the Leckhampton Schools would be willing, if satisfactory terms could be arranged, to give up sufficient land to round off the corner of the school premises where the Hall Road joins the Church Road. The Managers considered the improvement very desirable in view of the existing risk of danger to the children owing to the narrowness of the road at the point referred to. Resolved, That consideration of the suggestion be adjourned for the Committee to view.

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4—Report of Expenditure inquiry Committee—The Report of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee upon matters relating to the Highway Department was considered, and a letter read from the local branch of the Independent Labour Party in favour of an increase in the wages paid to the street sweepers.

Resolved (1) That the Borough Surveyor be asked to report as to the proposed alteration of the districts of the road foremen, and as to the foreman of District No. 3, giving his whole time to the Highway Department or to Naunton Park.

(2) That the Council be informed that all able-bodied labourers not on the regular staff have been paid at the rate of 5d. per hour for the last 2 or 3 years, and that this will also be done in future in the case of the regular staff as far as practicable.

(3) That this Committee approve of the recommendation that sweepers not able bodied be paid according to physical ability, and will act upon the same as far as practicable. (4) This Committee approve of the reduction in the number of sweepers as vacancies occur.

(5) That with regard to the recommendation that certain books should be transferred to the Borough Accountant's Department from the Stores Department, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to confer with the Borough Accountant and report further to this Committee.

(6) That the recommendations of the Inquiry Committee as to future appointments and salaries be considered by the Council when the occasion arises for making an appointment. That with regard to the appointment of a wholesale agent to sell the surplus products of the Slab Factory, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to interview the local firm who made an offer some years ago, to act as agents and report to this Committee.

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JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, 28th October, 1907—Present : Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 27th September to the 24th October, 1907 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Hall Road (3,630 super yards), Fairview Street (1,948 super yards), Norwood Road (1,361 super yards), North Place (2,034 super yards), Warwick Place and St. Stephen's Road (proceeding).

Tar Macadam laid—Bath Road (320 super yards).

Roads Patched—St. George's Place, Regent Street, Imperial Lane, Exmouth Street, Andover Road, Ashford Road, Witcombe Place, Malvern Street, St. George's Road, St. James's Square, St. Paul's Road, Montpellier Street, Portland Street, Oriel Road, Clarence Square, Queen's Circus and St. George's Place.

Private Improvement Works—Keynsham Road (proceeding). Gas Trenches Repaired—Imperial Square.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Knapp Road, High Street, Promenade and Wellington Street.

Public Street Improvement—Corner of Royal Crescent (proceeding),

New Slab Paving laid—St. George's Road (28 super yards). Paving relaid—Lansdown Crescent, Andover Road, and Dunalley Parade.

Asphalte Margins renewed—Lansdown Crescent and Ashford Road. Asphalte Footpaths renewed—Suffolk Square and Christ Church Passage.

Crossings renewed-4. New Gullies-10. New Gulley Grates and Frames-9. New Footpath Trough-1.

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Manholes built —2. .Manholes paved round-5. Trees pruned---North Place, Trinity Church, Glengariff, Thorncliffe, 8 Leamington Place and Pittville Circus Road.

Dead Trees Removed 1 in Imperial Square and 1 in Leckhampton Road.

Trees felled--Promenade, 1, Montpellier Street 11. Sydenham Road North 18.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-During 4 weeks ended 24th October, 1907, 1,001 loads collected, 947 consumed, and 54 tipped away. Weight Consumed, 857 tons 9 cwt.

Slab Factory—During week ended 17th October, 1907, 848 $\frac{2}{3}$ square yards of slabs made.

6—Report of Plans Sub-Committee--The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 15th and 25th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

7—Evelyn Road—Resolved, That, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in the portion of Evelyn Road not declared a highway.

8—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs H. G. Norton & Co., for permission to place 12 electric arc lamps outside their premises, Nos. 1 to 6 Bath Road and 416 and 417 High Street, and from Messrs. Vale & Co. for permission to place one electric arc lamp outside No. 93 Winchcombe Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to upon the usual conditions as to height, projection, etc.

9—Harp Hill Surface Water Drainage—Read, a letter from Mr. E. T. Leighton, of 4, Battledown Cottages, complaining of the nuisance caused by the flooding of his premises with surface water from the road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and -report upon the matter at the next meeting.

10—Suggested Improvement in Naunton Lane—Read, a letter from Mr. F. E. Jenkins withdrawing his conditional offer to give up a strip of land part of the Trowscoed Lodge property to widen Naunton Lane.

11—Footpath in front of Greville House—With reference to a complaint made by Miss Hamilton, of Greville House, as to the condition of the footpath in front of her house. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what repairs are necessary.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th, October, 1907. Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, and King-Harman (Councillor Baker in- the Chair.)

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name		Description
583	Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Paul's ...	..	Store Room adjoining St. Paul's Mission Hall, Swindon Road
584	Mrs. R. W. Pearson	..	Temporary Annexe, Pengwern College, Pittville Circus Road.
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585	Mr. Fisher	Cycle House at rear of No. 4 Columbia Place, Winchcombe Street.
586	Messrs, H. Ford and J. L. Bendall	.. ..	Two Semi-detached houses, Charlton Lane.
587	T. W. Smith	.. ..	Laundry at rear of house in new road, opposite Naunton Park Schools (amended plans).
588	S. Norris	.. ..	Additions to rear of Ambro House, Ambrose Street.

Resolved, That Plans No. 533, 535 and 537 be approved, that Plans Nos. 588 be approved, subject to the site being covered with cement concrete, the W.C.'s properly lighted and ventilated in accordance with the provisions of the Byelaws, and to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and that Plans Nos. 581 and 586 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 18th October, 1907. Present: Councillors Bendall, King-Harman and Pilley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

2—New Buildings--The following notice and plans of an intended new building were further considered. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
584	Mrs. R. W. Pearson	Temporary Annexe, Pengwern College, Pittville Circus Road.

Resolved, That the same be approved, subject to an agreement being entered into to remove the building at any time upon 3 months' notice from the Council, and to the inside walls being lined with fireproof material to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 23th October, 1907. Present :— Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
589	Messrs. Wylson & Long, architects	New Music Hall and Theatre, Regent Street.
590	Miss Harrison	New Bath Room, No. 11, Gloucester Crescent.

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591	Cheltenham & District Railway Co.	Additional Sheds, Light Railway Depot, St. Mark's
592	C. H. Channon	New Bathroom & W.C., Elmwood House, Montpellier Street.
586	Messrs. H. Ford & J. L. Bendall	Two Semi-detached houses, Charlton Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 590, 591 and 580 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 589 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st October, 1907--Present: Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Baker, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Trees at Pittville—The Committee met at Pittville Park, and considered a request by Mr. W. L. Mellersh that two trees near the Wild Flower Garden should be removed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a chestnut tree, one of the two referred to, cut down.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st October, 1907. Present:—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

2—Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee—This report was considered so far as it relates to matters affecting this Committee, and it was resolved to make the following report thereon :-

1. Pittville Estate—Pump Room—In January, 1906, the Borough Surveyor made a report upon this building, and estimated that it would cost £300 to put it into repair, but he thought the work might be spread over six years. The Committee approved of this course, and £50 has been provided in the last two estimates. If the whole of the work is to be done at once it will be necessary to provide £200 in the next estimate, but the Committee are still of opinion that the work might be spread over the period as arranged.

2. In comparing the receipts from Pittville in 1896 and 1906, the Expenditure Inquiry Committee have overlooked the fact that the Pittville Annexe was made free to the public in April, 1905, which accounts to a considerable extent for the diminished receipts except that the receipts for boating in 1906 were £60 less than in 1896 when boating on the lake was a novelty.

3. This Committee have previously recommended that the Town Hall should be placed under their charge so that the Town Hall and Winter Garden should be under one Committee, and they again recommend this.

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The Pittville Estate belongs to the Borough Fund, and expenditure on the sewers and roads belonging to the estate is chargeable thereto, and this Committee are therefore of opinion that any expenditure thereon should be brought before them, but they agree that any question as to the sewers should also be considered by the Public Health committee.

3—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Bowling Club applying for use of the Green at the Winter Garden on the same terms and conditions as last year, namely, a rent of £10 (to include the use of a room for the storage of the woods), the Club to keep the green in good order until the commencement of the following season, as well as during the season, and not to permit the erection thereon of any tent or other structure, the Council to have the right to use or grant the use of the green at any time upon giving reasonable notice to the Club. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 8th October, 1907. Present—Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1.--Coal Contract--Resolved. That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for the supply of 2,000 tons of coal.

2—Charges for Electric Supply to Light Railway Company—The Town Clerk reported that as the result of numerous conferences between the Chairman, the Borough Electrical Engineer and himself and representatives of the Light Railway Co., and after consultation with an expert adviser in London upon the terms now submitted, the following terms had been arranged for electric supply to the Company :—The Company to pay to the Corporation 1.6d per unit for the first 425,000 units per annum

delivered to the Company in bulk at the Manchester Street Sub-Station, 1.1d per unit for the next 200,000 units and $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per unit for all above 625,000 per annum. The minimum consumption per annum to be 625,000 units. The other terms and conditions of supply to remain as at present, These terms to date back to the 1st April, 1907, and to continue in force until determined by 3 months' notice on either side, provided that the agreement shall not be determined before the 1st October, 1010. The price at present paid by the Company was 1.6d per unit, with a minimum annual consumption of 500,000 units. Resolved, That the terms proposed be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement with the Company accordingly.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th October, 1907, Present: Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Green in the Chair).

3—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 9th inst. he tested the gas for illuminating power, with the following result:-16.5 candles.

4—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 14th inst. there were 985 consumers, with the equivalent of 62,744: 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 800 and 39,564 respectively.

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5—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

6—Petty Cash—Resolved. That the amount of the advance made to the Borough Electrical Engineer for petty cash be increased from £10 to £15

7—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders he had obtained for the supply of 2,000 tons of coal, 1,000 to be delivered by the 1st December, and the remainder at the rate of 100 tons per week. Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Webb Bros., Ltd., for the supply of Norchard slit coal at 12s 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per ton be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a contract for the same.

8—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co. for electric supply to their premises in Wellington Street. This would necessitate an extension of main at a cost of £21. Resolved, That the extension be made, and supply given upon Messrs. Norton guaranteeing a return of £5 per annum for 3 years.

9—Report of Expenditure Enquiry Committee—The Report of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee as regards matters within the purview of this Committee was considered. Resolved, (1) That consideration of the suggestion as to the cost of the street lighting be adjourned in order that the Committee may have before them the accounts for the last financial year, the Borough Electrical Engineer in the meantime to be authorised to experiment with regard to the adoption of lowering apparatus for the trimming, etc., of the arc lamps, and with some new lamps, with a view to effecting economies in these directions. (2) That the recommendation of the Inquiry Committee as to the

execution of repairs for other Corporation departments by employees of the Electricity Department be approved and carried out as far as practicable, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed accordingly. (3) That the suggested transfer of certain books from the Electricity Department to that of the Borough Accountant be considered at the next meeting.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 26th October, 1907.—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green, Margrett and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:-

DAILY YIELD OP SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th Oct., 1907.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	183,880 gallons	118,933 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	693,000 "	360,780 "
Leckhampton	20,448 "	not gauged.
Total	897,328 "	479,713 "

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Oct. 19th, 1907		Oct. 19th, 1906.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
[Hewletts]	---	24,265,588 gallons	---	21,113,093 gallons
Leckhampton	2ft. 0in.	270,151 "	6ft. 0in.	22,689,887 "
Dowdeswell	21ft. 1in.	49,014,113 "	13ft. 6in.	810,462 "
Total Storage		73,649,855 "		44,613,442 "

122 yards of 4-inch main had been laid in Sandhurst Road, and a length of 88 yards of 3-inch main in a new street at East End, Charlton Kings.

2 -Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee—This report was considered, and it was resolved to make the following report thereon

1. The General Hospital have always issued to the Corporation the number of tickets agreed to by them as recorded in the minutes of the Water Committee of the 26th January, 1899. The number issued is the maximum number which can be granted by the rules of the Institution to any one subscriber. They have also allowed the Corporation when the supply of tickets has been exhausted to anticipate the following year's tickets.

2. The Committee recommend that notice be given to the under-mentioned institutions, which are now supplied free or partially free, that on and after the 1st January next all water supplied to them

will be charged for on the usual terms, and that the resolutions to the following minutes of this Committee approved by the Council be rescinded, namely, Minutes No. 6 of the 21st December, 1898; No. 3 of the 26th January, 1899, and Nos. and 5 of the 25th January, 1900 :—The General Hospital and Branch Dispensary, the Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, the Victoria Nursing Home, the Home for Sick Children, the Hay Cottage Homes, and the Drill Halls of the Rifle and of the Engineer Volunteers: If the Council think fit, a subscription to these institutions can be given under the powers of the Cheltenham Order, 1905, in lieu of the free supply of water.

3. The recommendation of the Inquiry Committee as to the minimum charge for water outside the Borough was adjourned for consideration at the next meeting of this Committee.

3 --Condition of Water Supply—Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to report to this Committee each month upon the condition of the water, and to lay before the Committee the results of analyses of the waters made by him from time to time.

4—Inspection of Hewletts Reservoirs and Springs—Councillor Baker reported that on the 4th inst., the Committee (Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Margrett and Packer) visited Dowdeswell, and inspected the Reservoirs, and the Springs supplying the same. They recommended that the covers over the springs should be Drought up level with the surface of the ground Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

9—Appeals--The cases entered into the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd October, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1-Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever at Arle Farm on the 26th ult. One pig died, and the remaining pigs upon the premises, 86 in number, had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. The outbreak could not be accounted for.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 1st inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire in the Rickyard at Whittington Court. Damage £100. Cause, self-heating of rick. Extinction expenses £15 8s. 0d. The Brigade was also called on the 15th inst. to a rickyard fire at the Grange Farm, Woolstone. Damage £150. Expenses of extinction. £21 16s. 0d.

Read, a letter from Mr. C. F. Dobell expressing his appreciation of the prompt and efficient behaviour of the Brigade at the fire on the 1st inst. Brigade Driver. The Fire Brigade Captain reported that the Brigade Driver (Frederick Cross) had been ill, and would not again be fit for the work. He recommended that Fireman E. Niblett, a Corporation employee, be appointed driver pro, tem. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

3—Local Postal Deliveries—Read, a letter from Mr. A. C. Saxby stating that the Postal Authorities had now withdrawn the evening mail cart collection from Northleach district, and letters from that district were not obtainable in Cheltenham until the morning delivery. The mail cart served Charlton Kings to Northleach, including a large area around Andoversford, Chedworth and Northleach. He also pointed out that a letter posted in Winchcombe, Cleeve Hill or Prestbury was not delivered in Cheltenham until the following morning. Resolved, That a representation be made to the Post Office urging that arrangements should be made to improve the service to Cheltenham from these districts.

4—Autumn General Meeting of Association of Municipal Corporations—Resolved, That the Mayor and Councillor Stroud be appointed to attend the Autumn General Meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations in London on the 26th inst.

5—Insurance of Sheds at Market—Resolved, That the sheds provided for the fruit market be insured against fire for the sum of £200.

6--Speed Limit for Motor Cars—This matter was further considered, and a letter was read from the Rev. J. Lochhead enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Ratepayers' Association calling attention to the rapid pace at which motors were frequently driven within the Borough, and asking that the Council should exercise their powers under the Motor Car Act., 1903, with a view to the speed of motor cars within the Borough being limited to 10 miles an hour.

Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Town Clerk to obtain further information desired by the Committee.

7--Town Hall—Read, a letter from Mr. Clerke Burton offering to lend for exhibition in the Town Hall during the winter two large palms. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

8—Shop Hours Act, 1904—Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops Closing Order, 1907—The Town Clerk reported that the signatures to the memorial had been verified, and the register, etc., deposited for inspection, and the requisite notice of such deposit had been given. He submitted draft order to which he had added a clause to provide for the case of shops where other businesses were carried on besides the businesses covered by the Order. Resolved, That the Order as now submitted be made, the Council being satisfied that it is expedient to make the order and that the occupiers of at least two thirds in number of the shops to be affected by the Order approve of the same. Resolved, also, That the Order be submitted for the approval of the Secretary of State for the Home Office, and that notice thereof be given as required by the Home Office Regulations.

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9--Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee--This report so far as it relates to matters within the purview of this committee was considered, and it was resolved to make the following recommendations and report thereon to the Council.

1. Officials on Future Appointments, That the recommendations of the Inquiry Committee be considered when to occasion arises to make any such appointment.

2. Subscriptions to Public Institutions. The contribution of £500 to the Delancey Hospital is not a voluntary subscription, but is the sum paid towards the administration of the hospital under an

agreement by which patients sent in by the Medical Officer of Health are received upon special terms, and the Council are represented on the Hospital management, The other subscriptions set out in the Committee's report were authorised to be paid by the Council in March, 1907, in lieu of a remission of the General District Rate, and this Committee see no reason for asking the Council to alter the decision recently made.

3. This Committee concur in the recommendation of the Inquiry Committee that no official or servant of the Corporation should absent himself from his work to take an active part in Municipal Elections, and recommend that the heads of the various departments be instructed not to grant leave of absence for such a purpose.

4. This Committee also concur in the opinion of the Inquiry Committee that the provision of new Municipal Offices to the convenience, efficiency and economy of administration,

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th October, 1907. Present:—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Davies and Stroud and the Baron de Ferrieres (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,426 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 10th ulto. The South Kensington Museum authorities had removed the two cases of Maiolica and Arms and Armour, which had been on loan for three months.

The case of examples of Artistic Bookbinding, lent for three months by Messrs. Cedric Chivers, of Bath, had been returned. The Seascape, by Carmichael, lent by Miss Wood some time ago, had also been returned. The following gifts had been presented by Commander W. Hailstone, R.N. (Midshipman H.M.S. "Wasp," 1863-1868). 2 Arab Swords and Spear Heads taken from Slave Dhows, captured by "Wasp," on the East Coast of Africa in 1865. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Commander Hailstone.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th October, 1907; Present:—Councillors Bendall, Pilley, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair),

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£410 4 4
Rent of Shop	£ 24 0 0
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium, etc.	<u>£10 0 11</u>
	£444 5 3

Payments ...	£317 17 8
Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£265 0 5</u>
	£582 18 2

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:-

Receipts	£285 4 0
Payments	£213 2 2
Interest Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£162 13 5</u>
	£375 15 7

3—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that Miss Platt had presented a number of hockey sticks to the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the thanks of this Committee be conveyed to her.

4 —Football at Recreation Grounds--Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee applying for permission for the St. Peter's Boys' School to play football at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Fridays, for the St. James' Boys' School to play football at Naunton Park on Thursdays, and for the Naunton Park Boys' Council School to play football at Naunton Park on Fridays, from 3 to 4 p.m. in each case. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the usual conditions.

5—Overcoats for Recreation Ground Superintendents—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders he had obtained for the supply of overcoats for the three Superintendents of the Recreation Grounds. Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. H. Salisbury & Son, of Bath Road, to supply the overcoats required at £2 8s. 6d. each, be accepted.

6-Report of Expenditure inquiry Committee—The Report of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee as regards matters within the purview of this Committee was considered. Resolved, That this Committee report and recommend to the Council thereon as follows :—

- (1) That consideration of the recommendation of the Inquiry Committee as to the Superintendent of Naunton Park be adjourned, pending the decision of the Street and Highway Committee as to his position as District Foreman.
- (2) With regard to the finding of the Inquiry Committee "that the quantity of mineral water available, the position, "condition and chemical composition of the water in all the wells is as yet uncertain, "and that " doubts have been expressed at the Council as to the adequacy of the water supply," this Committee beg to call the attention of the Council to the fact that as regards quantity, the Borough Surveyor in Reports made to the Council in October, 1904, and May, 1905, reported the yield of the Pittville, Lansdown Terrace and Chadnor Villa Wells. The supply of water from these wells alone, exclusive of eleven others from which the Corporation have the right to draw supplies, is more than 3 times the present demand.

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As to the position and condition of the wells being uncertain, the Council are referred to the Borough Surveyor's Report made in May, 1905, upon the Lansdown Wells and the Well at Fulshaw Lodge, accompanied by a plan showing positions of wells, and to his Report on the Pittville Wells presented in

October, 1904, the latter being accompanied by drawings of the wells. Plans and maps now before the Committee show the position of 14 wells in the town.

With regard to the chemical composition of the waters bring unknown, the Council are reminded that from time to time during the last 186 years analyses have been mad, of the waters from the various wells in the town, commencing with the joint analyses of Dr. Baird, of Worcester and Dr. Greville, of Gloucester, in the year 1721, and particularly these made by Professors Abel and Rowney in 1847, and by Professor T. E. Thorpe, F.R.S., in 1893. These analyses included waters from Lansdown and Pittville, and have been republished in pamphlets issued by the Corporation from time to time daring the last 7 years. The comparison made by Professor Thorpe of the results of his analyses with those made in 1847 proved that the composition of the waters of to-day is practically identical with that of the waters of 50 years ago.

It is true that the water in. all the wells has not been analysed, but this Committee think it unnecessary to recommend that this be done at present, as the supply available from the three wells now in use already mentioned is more than sufficient to satisfy all demands likely to arise for sonic tame to come, and the cost of a complete and exhaustive analysis would entail a considerable outlay.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th October, 1907—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Gridley, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that several pieces of stonework had fallen from the Chapel spire recently. He required six loads et manure in addition to those already supplied. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs to the stonework carried out, and that the manure required be obtained from the Sewage Farms.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved : Headstones to graves of John, Harriette and John Abraham Darter, Michael Carroll, Rebecca A. Lane, William Henry Burrows, and Mary Elizabeth Cook. Memorial Crosses to graves of Eliza Edwards, Florence Cook, Trevor Edwards Mulroney, and Alice Taylor. Kerbing to graves of John and Maria Harris and John Lacey. Memorial (nil Shade to grave of Charlotte Barnes.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th October, 1907—Present : Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, Pilley and Stewart, The Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. W. Cresswell, A. Mann and B. C. Rogers (Councillor Pilley in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £6 5s. 2d. Presentations :—Baron de Ferrieres, 1 vol. ; J. Sawyer, 1 vol. ; General Editor, University Tutorial Series, 1 vol. ; Board of Trade, 1 vol.

2—Annual Conference of Library Association—The Librarian presented a Report of the proceedings at the Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Glasgow from the 17th to the 19th ult.

J. PILLEY,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th October, 1907—Present The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read> Amount collected £22,768 9s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £150 5s. 2d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £11,677 8s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £2,169 3s. 9d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant submitted a report as to loans. Resolved, That a debenture be issued and sealed for 11,000 received by him, and that the other suggestions made in his report be also approved.

4—Unexpended Balances upon Capital Account—The Borough Accountant reported that the following unexpended balances in respect of loans sanctioned had been in hand for some time:—

Old Bath Road Sewer	£97 5 1
Rodney Road Improvement	£22 2 9
Harp Hill Improvement	£16 17 1
Street Improvements—Albert Road and Tivoli	£7 4 2

Resolved, That subject to the Borough Surveyor reporting that no further expenditure would be required on account of the works for which the loans were sanctioned, the Borough Accountant be instructed to pay the balances to the credit of the respective Sinking Fund accounts.

5—Great Western Railway Assessment—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Great Western Railway Co. of objection to the Valuation list, and of their intention to appeal against the rate made thereon.

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6—Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee—The Report of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee as regards matters affecting the Finance Department was considered. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be asked to make a report on the proposed transfer to his department of the books now

kept in the Street and Highway and Electricity Departments, and that the further consideration of the report be adjourned for this to be submitted.

7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement:-

In hand on the 1st October last		£ 5,187 12 3
Received since that date (including loans £1,400)		<u>£12,744 15 7</u>
		£17,932 7 10
Paid since that date		<u>£13,197 7 4</u>
	In hand	£ 4,735 0 6
Being General Accounts	£1,433 5 0	
Sinking Funds	<u>£3,301 15 6</u>	
	£4,735 0 6	

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Saturday, the 9th November, 1907, at 12 noon,

Present: THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN, EDWARD GRIDLEY COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Election of Councillors The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 1st instant of the follow gentlemen as Councillors, viz. :

Tom Herbert Packer for the North Ward.

William George Earengy for the Central Ward.

Willie John Merrett for the East Ward.

John David Bendall for the South Ward.

Edwinson Charles Green for the Middle Ward.

Richard Eede Marshall for the West Ward.

and laid before the Council their Declarations of Acceptance of Office with the exception of the Declaration of Richard Eede Marshall, who had not yet received notice of his election owing to absence abroad.

2—Election of Mayor—Resolved, unanimously, That George Dimmer, of Cotteswold, Leckhampton Hill, Cheltenham, Esquire, be and he is hereby elected Mayor of this Borough for the ensuing year. The newly-elected Mayor then made the usual Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath. The Mayor thereupon took the Chair.

3—Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he appointed Alderman John Waghorne to be his Deputy,

4—Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor—Resolved, unanimously, That the most cordial thanks of this Council be given to the Ex-Mayor, Alderman William Nash Skillicorne, for the efficient, impartial and hospitable manner in which he has discharged his duties as Mayor during the past two years.

5--Assignment of Aldermen to Wards—Resolved, That the following Aldermen be assigned for the purposes of Ward Elections for the ensuing year to the several wards, opposite which their names are respectively set :—

Alderman Waghorne	North Ward
“ Skillicorne	Central Ward
“ Winterbotham	East Ward
“ Norman	South Ward
“ Rogers	Middle Ward
“ Haddon	West Ward

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6—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 7th October last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

7—Appointment and Duties of Committees—

Public Health Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year : Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, King-Harman, Margrett, Earengy and Stewart, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the public health or concerning the duties of the Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances, and to carry into effect the powers of the Council under the following Acts and Orders :—The Cheltenham Improvement Acts and Provisional Orders (Sanitary Provisions), Factory and Workshop Acts. Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1899, Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890. The Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1903, The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders.

To have delegated to it the Powers of the Council under the following sections of the Public Health Act, 1875, namely :-23, 24, 25, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47, 49 and 50, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 62, 70, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128 and 129.

To examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto so far only as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the. sewage before it is applied to the land.

To deal with the cleansing of watercourses and the enforcement of the provisions of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts.

Farms Management Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Farms Management Committee for the ensuing year : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett, Packer, and Steel, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To have the

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management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation, the application of the sewage to land of the Corporation and of any other person, and the purchase and sale of Stock, farming implements, etc.

Street and Highway Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman, Ley Wood and Packer, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the repair of the streets, including public and private streets and main and contribution roads, to examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters), and to consider all proposed public street improvements. To consider and report upon any matters arising in connection with the Cheltenham and District Light Railway within the Borough or in connection with the byelaws made by the Council with reference thereto.

To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, etc., there, any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department, and of any properties acquired by the Corporation in respect of street improvements. To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections. To enforce the provisions of the following Acts as far as regards new streets and buildings :—The Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 185 and 1889, and the Cheltenham Order of 1896 (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters).

Town Improvement Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Improvement Committee for the ensuing year : Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bennett, .Packer, Steel,

Stewart and Stroud, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Park and Estate, the Promenade long garden, and Winter Garden, and of any building in connection with such properties, and to enforce the provisions of the byelaws made by the Council with reference to them. To manage and control any entertainments decided upon by the Council, and to consider and report upon 3,11 matters in connection with the advertising of the Town and the provision of a band.

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Electricity and Lighting Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year : Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Electricity Undertaking of the Corporation, the public lighting whether by electricity or gas, and to carry out the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts and the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders, 1890, 1899, and 1900, and the regulations of the Board of Trade made thereunder.

Water Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Green, Margrett, Packer. Stroud and Waghorne, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Water Undertaking of the Corporation, and to manage all properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, 1878 and 1881, and the Provisional Orders amending the same.

General Purposes and Watch Committee—

Resolved, That the powers and duties of the General Purposes and Watch Committee be as follows :—To regulate and manage the Town Hall and any properties of the Corporation, and other matters not specially referred to any other Committee. To discharge the duties of the Watch Committee under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and to consider and report upon all matters arising in connection with the Petroleum Acts, and with reference to matters of the Police. To regulate and manage all matters relating to the licensing of Hackney Carriages, Drivers and Conductors, and Markets and Fairs. To be an Executive Committee of the Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts, with all the powers and authority conferred upon the Council (except the power to make a rate), and to carry into effect the Orders of the Board of Agriculture with relation thereto.. To regulate and manage the allotments owned and rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Acts. To consider and report to the Council upon the re-numbering of houses in, and the naming and renaming of, streets in the Borough. And to regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade and Fire Extinguishing Appliances.

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Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee-

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Earengy, Merrett, Stewart and Stroud, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Alstone and Montpellier Baths, and any matters in connection with the supply of Mineral Waters, the property of the Corporation, and the Recreation Grounds and the Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds (except those specifically referred to other Committees), and the buildings thereon.

Burial Board Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Steel and Stewart, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

Finance Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Earengy, Marshall, Merrett, Steel and Stroud, and that their, powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including the checking, as far as possible, of the expenditure of the different Committees of the Council, the appointment and dismissal of the Officers and Staff in the Borough Accountant's and Rates Departments, the preparation of Estimates for Rates, collection of Rates, and raising of loans. To consider and report upon all matters arising upon the report of the District Auditor.

Public Library Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, King-Harman, Marshall, Merrett, and Stewart together with Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Baron de Ferrieres, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, C. Hayward, A. Mann, F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To be empowered to act as the Library Authority for the Borough, and to have

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delegated to it all the powers and duties of the Council as the Library Authority for the Borough, and to execute the provisions of the Public Libraries' Acts (except with regard to the Library building, as to which they shall report from time to time for the approval of the Council).

Art Gallery and Museum Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year : Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies, Marshall and Stroud, with the Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage the Art Gallery and Museum, and all matters relating thereto.

8—Vacancies on Education Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Earengy, Gridley, King-Harman, Ley Wood, Marshall, Margrett, Merrett, Packer, Steel, and Stewart.

9—Audit of Corporation Accounts—Read, the Report of the District Auditor of the Local Government Board upon his examination of the several accounts of the Corporation for the year ended the 31st March last. Resolved. That the Report be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

10—Approval of Committee proceedings—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st October last, be approved and confirmed, with the exception of Minute No. 10, the consideration of which be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

11—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th October last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 28th October last, be approved and confirmed, with the exception of Minute No. 4 the consideration of which be adjourned to the next monthly meeting of the

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Council, and subject also to the following amendment, viz. :—To Minute No 6 :—That Plan No. 589 be approved, the same having been amended in accordance with the requirements of the Committee.

13—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 1st and 21st October last be approved and confirmed, with the exception of Minute No. 2, the consideration of which be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

14—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 26th October last, be approved and confirmed, with the exception of Minute No. 2, the consideration of which be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

15—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 17th October last, be approved and confirmed, with the exception. of Minute No. 9, the consideration of which be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

16—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd October last, be approved and confirmed, with the exception of Minute No. 9, the consideration of which be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

17—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th October last, be approved and confirmed.

18—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th October last, be approved and confirmed, with the exception of Minute No. 6, the consideration of which be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

19—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th October last, be approved and confirmed.

20—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th October instant, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 2nd December, 1907.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th November, 1907. Present :—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Earengy, and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

1—Chairman---Resolved, That Alderman Skillicorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 4 cases of Diphtheria, and that 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 2 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Hazlecroft, Upper Norwood Street, 3 Angel Row, Fairview Road, 9 & 11 York Street, and 28, 29 & 50 Rutland Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 15, 20 and 27 Henrietta Street, 56 and 57 Rutland Street, 109 Tewkesbury Road, 1 Hanover Street, and & 29 Victoria Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the

drains, and report to the Committee. Nos. 7 Rodney Place, and 28 and 29 Rutland Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same in bad condition, and requiring amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of the works required to be done. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the necessary works within 28 days from the service of the notices.

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5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 44 Upper Norwood Street, 29 Russell Street, 28 and 29 Rutland Street, and 38 Francis Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Miss E. Packer of 78 Winchcombe Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 406 High Street, 4 Sherborne Place, 96 Albion Street, and 1, 2 and 3 Dovey's Cottages, Swindon Road North. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. :—Frankfort Lodge, Hewlett Road, Nos. 9 St. Luke's Place, 19 Bath Parade, and 5 Otago Terrace be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

9—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—Read, a letter from Mr. W. T. Blake, resigning his position as Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, as he had obtained a similar appointment at Coventry. Resolved, That Mr. F. Hudson, the Clerk in the Health Department, be appointed Assistant Inspector of Nuisances at a salary of £65 per annum, the appointment to date from the 9th prox. when Mr. Blake leaves, and that the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to advertise for a clerk at a commencing salary of 10s per week, increasing by 2s 6d per week per annum to £1 per week, and to select two or three of the applicants to come before the Committee.

10--Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors King-Harman and Stewart be appointed representatives of this Committee upon the Plans Sub-Committee.

11—Harp Hill Sewer and Surface Water Drainage—Read, a Report by the Borough Surveyor of the work which would be required to prevent a recurrence of the flooding at Harp Hill. Resolved, That Councillors Davies, M. Davis and Stewart, be appointed as representatives of this Committee to confer with representatives of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council upon the matter, and that in the meantime the further consideration be adjourned.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th November, 1907—Present The Mayor, Aldermen, Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Earengy, Margrett, and Stewart (Alderman, Skillicorne in the chair).

12—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, and that 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

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13—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 12, Croft Street, 1, Ambrose Place, and 30 and 44, Upper Norwood Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., Nos. 27 and 29, Tivoli Street, 1, cordon Terrace, and 8 and 9, Rutland Street. —The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under. Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee. Nos. 4, St. Paul's Street, South, and 56, Rutland Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains on or belonging to Nos. 4, St. Paul's Street, South, and 56, Rutland Street, and found the same to be in bad condition, and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of the works required to be done. Resolved, That notice be given to the owners of the premises requiring them to carry out the necessary works within 28 days from the service of such notices.

15—Insanitary Property—Nos. 24, 30 and 44, Upper Norwood Street, 1, Ambrose Place, and 12, Croft Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

16—Closing of School—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 14th instant the Holy Trinity Infants' School was closed for three weeks upon his advice, on account of the prevalence of Measles.

17—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 24, Upper Norwood Street, 12, Croft Street, 20, Winstonian Road, Southampton Villa, High Street, 1, 2 and 3, Trent Cottages, Gloucester Place, and Newark Cottage, Gloucester Place. — Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

18—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the provision of proper ash receptacles, and the abatement of nuisances arising from defective floors, roofs, &c., and want of cleansing and lime-washing which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

19—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order.—Read, an application from Mr. P. A. L. Ince, of No. 283, High Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. The premises being used as a small general shop, Resolved, That the applicant be informed that the same are not suitable.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th November, 1907—Present Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor M. Davis be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting, 10 lambs had been purchased for £17, and 25 head of cattle had been sold for £381 18s. 1d. and 6 pork pigs for £ 10 14s. 0d. (Total sales £392 12s. 1d.) The number of livestock on the Farms on the 15th inst. was 12 horses and 1 colt, 172 head of cattle, 61 sheep and 10 lambs, and 19 pigs, all doing very well. 14 tons 4 cwts. 2 qrs. of manure had been delivered at Pittville Park. Miscellaneous receipts, 7s 6d. He recommended the purchase of 50 posts and 50 middle stakes for fencing. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee—Sewage Farm Loans—The recommendation of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee was further considered. Resolved, That this be adjourned until a more favourable opportunity of giving effect to the Committee's recommendation arises.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th November, 1907—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Plans Sub Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Baker and Bendall be appointed representatives of this Committee upon the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following members be appointed the Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley.

4--Trees Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following members be appointed the Trees Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :—Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and King-Harman.

5—Street Projections—Read, an application from Mr. H. Carter on behalf of Messrs. Foster Bros. Clothing Co., Ltd. for permission to fix 7 projecting lamps at Nos. 174 & 175 High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

6—Langdon Road—The Town Clerk reported that a notice declaring Langdon Road (for a length of 546 feet measured from the junction of the said street with Leckhampton Road) to be a highway had been duly posted and advertised, and that no objection had been made thereto. Resolved, That the notice be recorded on the Minutes.

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7—Sandford Mill Road—The Town Clerk reported that a notice had been duly posted and advertised, declaring Sandford Mill Road (for a length of 654 feet measured from its junction with London Road) to be a highway, but without prejudice to the exercise by the Corporation of the powers conferred on them by Sec. 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to require the owners or occupiers of premises adjoining the said street to pave the footpath on the East side of the same as and when required by the Corporation. No objection having been made to the declaration, Resolved, That the notice be recorded on the Minutes.

8—Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee—The recommendation of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee as to the district foremen was again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned.

9—Naunton Parade—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a plan, specification and estimate of the works required to be done to the roadway in Naunton Parade by the abutting owners.

10—Naunton Lane Private Improvement Expenses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Naunton Lane, had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £328 8s. He submitted an apportionment of this amount based, in accordance with instructions given by the Committee, upon the degree of benefit to be derived from the works. Resolved, That the

apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the owners of properties referred to therein.

11—Post Office Lane Private Improvement Expenses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the works of private improvement ordered in Post Office Lane, had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £29 15s. 10d., which amount he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners in accordance with the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand of repayment be served on the abutting owners.

12—Trees in Montpellier Spa Place—Read, a letter from the occupiers of Nos. 10 and 11 Spa Buildings, asking that the trees opposite those houses should be thinned out. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration-

13—Harp Hill Surface Water Drainage—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the works of drainage necessary to effectually deal with the surface water at Harp Hill. Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Baker and Gridley, be appointed as representing this Committee to confer with the Charlton Kings Urban District Council upon the matter.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th November, 1907—Present : Aldermen Haddon. and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

14—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th October, to the 21st November, 1907 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Warwick Place (438 super yards), London Road (480 super yards), St. Stephen's Road (proceeding).

Roads Patched—Gloucester. Road, Hewlett Road, Tewkesbury Road, rear of Montpellier Terrace, Shurdington Road, Lower High Street, Knapp Road, Malvern Road, Suffolk Square, Alstone Lane, Alstone Croft, and London Road.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Tivoli Place, Cambray and County Court Road.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Promenade, Suffolk Road, and Montpellier. Drive.

Private Improvement Works—Keynsham Road (completed), 940 square yards of paving.

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Public Street Improvement—Corner of Royal Crescent completed.

Footpaths Gravelled—Alley between Keynsham Road and Orrisdale Terrace (602 super yards).

Footpath paring repaired—Trafalgar Street and Bath Road. New Slab Paving laid—Oriel Road (361 ¼ super yards).

New kerb fixed—Oriol Road (98 lineal yards). New Channel fixed for Owners—Oriol Road (100 lineal yards).

Channel repaired—Manchester Street. Surface water drain cleared—Harp Hill.

Trees felled -Battledown Approach 28, Westal Fountain 1, Hewlett Road 1.

Trees pruned -Wellington Road, Clarence Lodge, Montpellier Terrace, Springfield and Vittoria Walk.

Street crossings renewed-5. Gateway crossings renewed—3. New gateway crossing-1. Crossing repaired-1.

New Gullies fixed-7. Gullies renewed-2.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 21st November, 1907, 1,035 loads collected, 979 consumed, and 56 tipped away. Weight consumed, 967 tons 5 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 14th November, 1907, 741 square yards of slabs made.

15—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall and Gridley

16—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 13th and 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

17—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted the Revenue Account of the Slab Factory for the half-year ended 26th September, 1907, as follows :—

Cr. [credit]	
Surplus brought forward, March, 1907	£674 6 6
Sales for half-year ended 26th. Sept., 1907	£728 8 10
Slabs in stock 26th September, 1907	
(at cost price)	£952 11 3
Kerbs in stock 26th September, 1907	
(at cost price)	<u>£256 4 11</u>
	£1238 16 2
Value of Cement, Granite and other materials in stock 26th September 1907	£114 11 5
	£2,756 2 11
DR. [debit]	
Slabs in stock 25th March, 1907,	£937 10 3
Kerbs in stock 28th March, 1907,	<u>£132 16 8</u>
	£1060 6 11

Value of Cement, Granite and other materials in stock	
28th March, 1907 ...	£49 11 11
Wages and materials for half-year ended 26th September, 1907 ...	£651 11 0
New Plant—Mortar 51,11 ...	£28 0 0
Rails, Wagon and Turntable ...	£18 0 0
	£46 0 0
Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...	£10 18 4
Interest and Sinking Fund ...	£126 4 2
Surplus	£611 12 7
	£2,756 2 11

Resolved, That this Committee recommend that stock in hand to the value of 4503 be used in repaving the Promenade in front of the Long Garden, and any other streets to be decided upon by this Committee.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., setting out the terms upon which they were willing to become sole agents for the sale of slabs not required by the Corporation. Letters were also read from Messrs. Webb Bros. and Mr. T. Barnes on the same subject. The matter having been carefully considered, Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to accept either of the offers made for the agency.

18—Ewlyn Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good, requiring them to do

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the specified works within 28 days and that if such notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

19—Street Projection—Read, a letter from Messrs. R. Pearce & Sons applying for permission to fix a projecting lamp at Alder's Stores, Winchcombe Street. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

20—London Road, Footpath on North Side—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to complete the paving on the North side of London Road opposite the entrances to Oxford Lawn, Mr. Fry's yard, etc., unless the occupiers of such premises desire to pass over the footpath with carriages or carts, in which case they be required to provide proper and sufficient crossings for such purpose to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th November, 1907. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
593	Rev. Canon Gardner	Mission Room in Whaddon Lane.
594	W. Sutton Gardner	Extension of Billiard Room, Laurel House, St. George's Place.
595	Trustees of the late C. Winstone	Bathroom at rear of " The Hermitage," Fairmount Road, St. Mark's.
596	Trustees of Bethel Chapel ... Poor Estate Charity	House and Shop, New Street, and alterations to Red Lion Inn, High Street.
597	Mrs. A. Bowen	40 Semi-detached Cottages in road leading from Alstone Lane to Sandfield Road.
598	A. Paget	Bathroom at Donnerville, King's Road.
599	G. H. Wynn & Sons	Shed adjoining Workshop, Knapp Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 594, 595 and 598 be approved, that Plans Nos. 596 and 597 be disapproved, and that Plans Nos. 593 and 599 be approved subject in each case to an agreement being entered into to remove the building at any time upon three months' notice from the Council.

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JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 22nd November, 1907. Present :— Councillors Bendall and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
600	Rev. H. A. Corke	Additions to Lewes Villa, Hale's Road.
601	Messrs. Flower & Son	Alterations and additions to the Fairview Inn, Fairview Road.
602	T. Ward	Reconstruction of premises, corner of Jersey and Columbia Streets.

603	R. J. Webb	Porch at 1, Sydenham Villas.
604	Cheltenham Original .. Brewery Co., Ltd.	New Bottling Store at Original Brewery.
605	J. Swaine	Conservatory at "The Brooklands," Hatherley Road.
606	F. Wakeman	Van shed in yard of Sun Inn, High Street.
607	Cheltenham College Council...	Junior School and Boarding House, in grounds of Lake House, Thirlestaine Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 600, 601, 602, 603, 605 and 606 be approved, that Plans Nos. 604 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans Nos. 607 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th November, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Chairman.—Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Monday, the 18th November, 1907. Present Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Packer, Steel, and Stewart (Councillor Packer in the Chair).

2—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee.—The Entertainments Sub-Committee presented the following Statement, prepared by the Borough Accountant, of the Income and Expenditure, in respect of the Summer Concerts this year :—

EXPENDITURE.	£	s	d
Value of Working Stock, &c., on hand. at			
Commencement of Season	25	0	0
Artistes' Bands, &c.	761	10	5
Attendants	109	14	8
Advertising, Printing, and Billposting	259	18	4
Additions to Working Stock, &c.	25	3	9
Electric Energy ...	41	16	8
Hire of Furniture, &c.	3	5	0

Manager's Share of Subs.		50	14	0
Piano Hire, &c.		11	0	0
Miscellaneous ...		15	4	6
				<u>£1,278 7 4</u>
				£1,303 7 4
Balance				<u>£ 115 6 11</u>
				£1,418 14 3

INCOME.		£	s.	d.
Takings at Gates, Chairs, &c.		1,171	12	2
Proportion of Subscriptions ...		151	8	0
Programme Rights ...		50	0	0
Value of Working Stock, &c., on hand, at				
Close of Season (as per. Valuation made by Borough Surveyor)	£45 14 1	<u>45</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>
		£1,418	14	3

The Sub-Committee also reported that the amount already received for Subscriptions to the Musical Afternoons this season exceeded the total amount received for Subscriptions last season.

3—Appointment of Entertainments Sub-Committee.— Resolved, That Alderman Rogers and Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer and Stewart, be appointed the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Presentation to Pittville.—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Hopwood & Son had presented a number of Plants for Pittville. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Messrs. Hopwood.

5—Advertising.—Read a letter from the Manager Publicity Department Gordon Hotels, Ltd., asking the Council to renew the page Advertisement inserted for some years, prior to this year, in their Illustrated Hotel Guide, " Where to Stay," at a cost of £9 9s. Resolved, That the Advertisement be inserted in next year's issue, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee of the 15th October, 1906, be varied accordingly.

T. H. PACKER,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th November, 1907. Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Merrett and Steel (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Chairman— Resolved, That Councillor Ley Wood be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 13th inst. he tested the gas for illuminating power, with the following result :-15.7 candles. The test made by him as to purity on the 9th and 10th inst. showed 36 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

3—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 12th inst. there were 935 consumers, with the equivalent of 62,967 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 893 and 60,035 respectively.

4 Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

5—Electricity Undertaking Accounts, 1906-7—Read, a Report by the Borough Electrical Engineer upon the accounts of the Electricity Undertaking for the year ending the 31st March, 1907. Resolved, That the further consideration of matters arising out of the same be adjourned to the next monthly meeting.

6—Offices—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Offices of the Department had now been removed to the Manchester Street Sub-Station.

7--Application for Supply—An application was received from the Trustees of Wesley Chapel, St. George's Street, for a supply of electricity for lighting. The estimated cost of the necessary extension of main was £45, and the applicants were willing to enter into the usual agreement guaranteeing an annual return of 20 per cent. on the cost for 3 years. Resolved, That supply be given upon the terms mentioned.

8—Additions to Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that practically the whole of the plant for the extensions had now been delivered, and was in course of erection. He reported the result of his visit to Newcastle in connection with the new turbo-generator, and the arrangements he had made with Messrs. Parsons & Co. Resolved, That the arrangements made be approved and adopted.

9- -Contract for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the result of an interview he had had with Messrs. Webb Bros. and the representative of the Norchard Colliery Proprietors as to the tender accepted at the last meeting for the delivery of 2,000 tons of coal, from which it appeared that the contractors could not carry out the terms of the proposed contract. He also reported that the existing contract for coal would expire on the 15th pros. Resolved, That the matter be referred to a Sub-Committee, consisting of Councillors Gridley, Merrett and Steel.

10—Lighting of Sandfield Road, Ewlyn Road, Halland Road, Road from Moorend Road to Providence Place Cottages, The Promenade, Footpath from Hayward's Road to Rosehill Street—Complaints were received of the insufficiency of the public lighting in the above streets. Resolved, That the same be adjourned for the Committee to view, and that a meeting be held for this purpose on Thursday, the 28th inst., at 6 p.m.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th November, 1907. Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker and Stroud.

1—Chairman.-----Resolved, That Councillor Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st November, 1907.—Present : The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 18th Nov., 1907.	Average for corresponding Period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	1,624,150 gallons	1,064,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	457,920 "	227,450 "
Total	2,138,250 "	1,291,450 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Nov. 18th, 1907.		Nov. 18th, 1906.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	---	28,791,993 gallons	---	21,731,004 gallons
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,924 "	3ft. 2in.	427,743 "
Dowdeswell	30ft. 4in.	91,326,470 "	17ft. 8in.	36,037,169 "
Total Storage		121,739,387 "		58,196,216 "

Dowdeswell and Hewlett Reservoirs were nearly full, and the yield of the Springs was nearly double the average for the last 3 years. Pumping was discontinued at Tewkesbury on the 9th instant. 85 yards of 4in. main had been laid in a new road off Naunton Lane, the rates from the new property supplied exceeding the statutory return.

3—Water Mains in Hatherley and Lypiatt Streets and Keynsham Road.—The Borough Engineer recommended that in order to improve the supply of water, the separate mains in Hatherley Street and Lypiatt Street should be coupled up, the length of new main required in each street being about 100 yards. In Keynsham Road a proper service main should be laid from High Street to Sandford Pumping Station (a length of 311 yards), for the supply of the houses in that road, at present supplied from the pumping main to Sandford. The cost of these mains would be about Resolved, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

4—Mackintosh for Caretaker of Dowdeswell Reservoir.—On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Resolved That he be authorised to supply the Caretaker of Dowdeswell Reservoir with a Mackintosh.

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5--Water Supply to Buckle's Row, Charlton King's.-The Town Clerk reported that the Charlton Kings Urban District had made application for the extension of the Water Main to enable a supply of water to be available, if required, for some houses called Lew, in their district. The Extension would cost £20, and the Charlton Kings Council were willing to guarantee a return of 10 per cent. per annum (£2) upon the cost. Resolved, That the extension be made, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed to an Agreement with the Charlton Kings Council embodying these terms,:

6—Report of Expenditure Enquiry Committee, The Borough Engineer submitted a list of the properties outside the Borough, in which the amount charged for water supply was less than 8s. 8d. per annum. The increase of revenue if a minimum charge of 8s. 8d. insisted upon would be £21 per annum. Resolved, That from and after the end of March next the minimum charge for water supply outside the Borough of Cheltenham be 8s. 8d. per annum, that notice be given to the owners or occupiers mentioned in the list now submitted accordingly, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee of the 20th December, 1894, fixing the charge for all properties not supplied by meter at 5 per cent, upon the gross value, be varied accordingly.

7—Appeals—The cases entered into the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th November, 1907-Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 2nd inst. at Prospect Gardens, St. Paul's. 20 pigs, including 9 suffering from the disease, had been slaughtered by order of an Inspector of the Board of Agriculture, and notices given to owners of pigs near as required by the Swine Fever Order. The outbreak could not be accounted for.

3—Gloucestershire (Control of Dogs) Order, 1907—The Town Clerk reported that the County Council had made regulations under the Gloucestershire (Control of Dogs) Order, 1907, requiring that every dog within the County shall, between 1 hour before and 1 hour after sunset, be kept under control either by confinement or by being led, or being otherwise under effectual control. Resolved, That this Committee do not consider it necessary at present to make similar regulations as regards the Borough.

4—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Applications were received from Mr. Walter Robins, of 14 Moorend Street, and Mr. F. J. Marshall, of The Caledonian Inn, Swindon Road, for licences to drive hackney carriages. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

5—Report of Fire Brigade Captain--The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any fire during the month. Re also reported that Mr. E. Boyce Podmore had had the No. 1 Hose Cart repainted and revarnished, and that Mr. Peter Bendall of the firm of Messrs. Barnby Bendall & Co., had presented an 8-day clock for the new Fire Station. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr. Boyce Podmore and Mr. Bendall for their kindness.

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6—Appointment of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee--Resolved. That Alderman Norman, and Councillors Baker and M. Davis, be appointed the re Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

7—Vacancies on Distress Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Bendall, Gridley, Marshall, Perrett, Steel and Waghorne, be reappointed Members of the Distress Committee for the Borough.

Resolved, also, That the Rev. J. Lochhead. be appointed a member of the Distress Committee for the Borough, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. J. A. Owen, M.A.

3—Committee Fixtures for 1908—Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1908 be fixed as follows (except that any meetings that may fall upon a public holiday shall be held upon such other days and consequent alterations be made in other meetings as may be more convenient), viz

THREE WEEKS PREVIOUS TO COUNCIL MEETING.		
1st Week		
Tuesday	Public Library	4.15 p.m.
Thursday	Electricity and Lighting	3.0 p.m.
Friday	Farms Management	12.0 noon.
	Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds	3.0 p.m.
2 nd week		
Monday	Public Health (Second Meeting)	3.0 p.m.
	Town Improvement	4.0 p.m.
Tuesday	General Purposes and Watch	4.0 p.m.
Thursday	Water	3.0 p.m.
Friday	Burial Board	11.30 a.m.
	Plans Sub-Committee (at Depot)	2.30 p.m.
	Street and Highway (View)	3.0 p.m.
	(meet at Central Depot)	
3rd Week		
Monday	Street and Highway (Second Meeting)	10.0 a.m.
Tuesday	Finance	3.30 p.m.
Monday	Public Health	3.0 p.m.
Tuesday	Plans Sub-Committee	2.30 p.m.

	Street and Highway	2.0 p.m.
Wednesday	Art Gallery and Museum	12.30 p.m.

9—Pawnbroker's Certificate—Read, an application from Mr. H. Higgins, of 314 and 315 High Street, for the renewal of his certificate under the Pawnbroker's Act, 1872. Resolved, That the applicant be granted the new certificate to expire on the 9th November, 1908.

10 -Postal Deliveries—Read, a letter from the Surveyor to the G.P.O., Cheltenham, stating that in order to afford a later general service from the Northleach District, the mail cart service had been replaced by a train service, and as a result, correspondence for Cheltenham posted for the night mail despatch from Northleach and Andoversford was not available for delivery until the following morning. Correspondence posted before 12 noon at Northleach, and at Charlton before 6.20 p.m., was delivered in Cheltenham at 7.15 p.m., the same day. No alteration had been made in the services from Winchcombe, Cleeve Hill and Prestbury. He regretted that it was impracticable to make any alteration in the present arrangements, which were made for the benefit of the rural community generally.

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11-Contributions to Local Hospitals and other Public Institutions—Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, the following subscriptions be made to the institutions previously to 1906 excused payment of the General District Rate :—

	£	s.	d.
General Hospital and Branch Dispensary	23	0	0
Female Refuge	3	5	0
Female Orphan Asylum ...	4	0	0
Blind Asylum	4	0	0
Church of England Waifs and Strays' Society	4	0	0
Nazareth House	14	10	0
Coburg Society, Bath Street	3	15	0
Victoria Home for Nurses	6	10	0
Provident Dispensary ...	4	0	0
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital	5	5	0
Boys' Orphan Asylum ...	2	10	0
Home for Sick Children ...	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	£82	15	0

12--Suggested Speed Limit for Motor Cars—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence he had had with the Chief Constable, and with the Rev. J. Lochhead, on the subject of the suggested speed limit for motor cars.

Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Automobile Club, asking if the Council would be willing to allow the Club or the Motor Union to erect boards at the principal entrances to the town warning drivers to go slowly through the streets, as such boards had been erected in other places and had proved very effectual. Resolved. That the proposal that Warning

Boards be placed in suitable positions in the Borough be approved, and that the offer of the Motor Union to provide the same be accepted, the Borough Surveyor to settle the exact positions of the Boards.

13--Public Halls, &c.—As instructed by this Committee, the Borough Surveyor presented a Report upon the result of his inspection of the various public halls and other places of public entertainment in the Borough, dealing with the means of ingress and egress provided, and particularly as to the sufficiency of the means of exit in case of fire or panic and the means provided for the extinction of fires. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain fire buckets for the Town Hall and Winter Garden, that the recommendation for the better indication of the exits at these buildings be approved and adopted, and that the other recommendations contained in the Report be communicated to the owners or lessees of the buildings affected with a view to the same being carried out.

14—Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor recommended the purchase of about 100 chairs for the balconies of the Town Hall, and some screens for use in the same building. Resolved. That he be authorised to obtain the same.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Wednesday, the 13th November, 1907. Present:—Alderman. Norman, Councillors Davies and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Councillor Davies in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Curator's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Curator. There had been 971 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 15th ulto.

The collection of Dried Alpine Plants, presented by Mrs. Griffiths, The Oaklands, Charlton Kings, had been re-arranged.

The four new cases had been delivered, some of the exhibits transferred to these cases, and the arranging and labelling of objects was in progress.

The Baron de Ferrieres had kindly defrayed the expense of re-lining the pictures entitled " Civic Guard of Amsterdam," by Calisch, and " The Knights' Hall Palace of Frederiksborg," by Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. Macknight-Crawford had offered to lend 22 pictures for exhibition during the winter.

Miss Paterson, Secretary to the Egypt Exploration Fund, applied for the use of the Art Gallery for the purpose of delivering a lecture upon a number of curios, which the Society proposed Co give to the Museum.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the Baron de Ferrieres for his kindness, that the offer of Mr. and Mrs. Macknight-Crawford be accepted with thanks, and that Miss Paterson's application for the use of the Art Gallery be acceded to.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th November. 1907, Present :—Alderman Norman, Councillors Bendall, Davies, Earengy, Merrett, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Chairman.—Resolved, That Councillor Stroud be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Appointment of Mineral Waters Sub-Committee.—Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Davies, Stewart and Stroud be appointed the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Visitors for Baths and Recreation Grounds.—Resolved, That the following members of the Committee be appointed Visitors for the Baths and Recreation Grounds for the ensuing year :—
Montpellier Baths—Councillors Davies and Stroud. Alstone Baths—Alderman Norman and Councillor Baker. Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Councillors Baker and Earengy. Naunton Park—Alderman Norman and Councillor Bendall. Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Councillors Merrett and Stewart. Grove Street Ground—Councillor Stewart.

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4-Montpellier Baths- The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£431 19 5	Payments	£379 12 0
Rent of Shop ••• ...	£ 36 0 0	Interest & Redemption	
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium, etc.	£ <u>10 0 11</u>	(proportion of) ...	£ <u>309 3 11</u>
	£478 0 4		£688 15 11

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to substitute Electric Bells for the present defective Pneumatic Bolls, at a cost of about £6, and that he be instructed to prepare and submit specification of the painting, &c., required to be done to the exterior of the Montpellier Baths.

5-Medical Baths—Resolved, That the following charges be made for an Aix Douche Bath without Massage:—Single Bath, 3s. : Course of 6 Baths, 15s.

6---Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows :—

Receipts	£289 9 2	Payments ...	£248 16 0
		Interest & Redemption	
		(proportion of) ...	£ <u>189 15 8</u>
	£289 9 2		£438 11 8

7—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The Superintendent of the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground reported the receipt of a number of Herbaceous Plants from Mr. E. Whitbread Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Whitbread.

8—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee applying for permission for the boys of Gloucester Road Council School to play football on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Mondays from 3 to 4 p.m. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

9—Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee--The recommendation of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee as to the Superintendent of Naunton Park was again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting, when the Superintendent be requested to attend before the Committee.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held etc Wednesday, the 13th November, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1-Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Haddon be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd November, 1907—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

2—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that a number of the trees at the Cemetery required pruning. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this work done.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : Headstones to graves of Charlotte Palmer, and Edna, Percy and Hubert Garner. Memorial Crosses to graves of Caroline Marquard, Emily Elliott, Alfred Drake and Tom Morgan.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th November, 1907—Present: Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, Merrett and Stewart, The Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, 'Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Chairman---Resolved, That Councillor Davies be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. Resolved, unanimously, That the cordial thanks of this Committee be tendered to Alderman Colonel Rogers for his services as Chairman of this Committee during the past two years.

2—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 10s. 2d. Presentations :—The Board of Trade, 1 pamphlet ; Mr. Alfred Ransford, 1 pamphlet ; and Miss Willoughby, 4 vols. The issues from the Reference Department were 1406, an average daily increase of 9 compared with the corresponding month of last year ; the issues from the Lending Department showed an average daily decrease of 45, the number of volumes issued being 7959.

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee (Present : Councillor Merrett) recommended :

- (1) That a selection of books from the Lists submitted be purchased for about
- (2) That a conference be held between the Sub-Committee and representatives of the Royal Crescent Library on the subject of the suggested transfer of books from the latter to the Public Library.
- (3) That the offer of Mrs. and Miss Mills to present " The Abolitionist " (an anti-vivisection Journal) and " Jus Suffragii," be accepted with thanks.
- (4) That the application of Mr. S. B. Harrison, Chief Assistant, for an increase of salary be considered at the next Meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- (5) That the provision of a Flag for the Library be deferred for the present. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

4—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Bennett, Green, King-Harman, Marshall and Merrett, the Rev. A. Beynon Phillips and Mr. C. Hayward, be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Magazine Room—Resolved, That the Magazine Room be closed at 9 p.m. instead of 8 p.m., during the Winter months.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th November, 1907. Present—The Mayor, Councillors Earengy, Steel and Stroud.

1-Chairman- Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

B. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th November, 1907—Present : Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Earengy, Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

2.—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £5,246 13s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £17,664 13s. 0d.

3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £3,192 14s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £8,344 11s. 9d.

4—Report of District Auditor.—The Report of the District Auditor upon his examination of the Accounts for the year ending the 31st March last was considered by the Committee. The suggestions of the Auditor as to the Electricity Water Accounts were referred to the Water and Electricity and Lighting Committees. The other matters mentioned in the Report were dealt with by the Committee.

5—Fire Insurance.—Read a letter from the Chairman of the Municipal Mutual Insurance Company, Ltd., giving quotation for the Insurance of the Corporation properties against Fire. Resolved, That the matter be referred for consideration to a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Bennett, Merrett, Steel and Stroud, and that in view of the fact that the greater number of the existing policies are renewable at Christmas, the Sub-Committee be authorised to accept the proposal now made if upon consideration it appears to be satisfactory.

6—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that the St. Helen's Corporation were willing to lend £3,000 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the loans to bear interest at 3 ½ per cent., and to repayable at or after the end of 2 years, upon six months' notice. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £3,000 be advanced to the St. Helen's Corporation, and that a Debenture for £3,000 be sealed and issued for a like amount to be advanced by the St. Helen's Corporation on account of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer loan.

The Borough Accountant also reported that the St. Helen's Corporation had suggested that a further loan of £3,000 should be made to them in view of a previous advance of £3,000 made by that Corporation. Resolved, That the sum of £3,000 part of the Sinking Funds be invested accordingly, subject to the Town Clerk being satisfied as to the security offered.

7—Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an account of the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1907-8 amounting to £76 9s. 1d. Resolved That the said sums be certified to be payable, and be apportioned between the parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings, as follows :--Cheltenham, £65 16s. 2d. ; Charlton Kings, £10 12s. 11d.

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8 —Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 29th October last	£4,735 0 6
Received since that date	<u>£8,091 11 4</u>
	£12,826 11 10
Paid since that date	<u>£7,839 6 10</u>
	£4,987 5 0
Being General Accounts	£950 14 6
Sinking Funds	<u>£4,036 10 6</u>
	£4,957 3 0

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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